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OF THE

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OF THE

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

KIDS' CHAPEL CHURCH,

Lincoln County, N. C.,

November, 22nd & 23rd, 1878.

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" J. H. Booth, Denver, N. C.
" T. W. Upton, Stanley Creek, N. C.
" W. F. Hull, Mull's Grove, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

KIDS' CHAPEL CHURCH,
Friday, November, 22, 1878.

At eleven o'clock A. M, Elder G J. Willkie, preached the introductory sermon from Titus, 2nd chapter, 11-14th verses.

After recess, the brethren assembled.

Upon motion, Bro W. A. Graham, was requested to take the chair, and Bro S. T. Bolinger, to act as clerk *pro tem.*

The following delegates reported and were enrolled:

Mull's Chapel, Eld W. F. Hull.

Providence, Eld G. J. Willkie, B. Fish, S. L. Bolinger, and J. T. Hamilton.

Mt Ruhama, L. S. Caldwell, M. S. Clark, and S. J. Caldwell.

Macedonia, I. H. Laney, Alexander Goodson, J. Burk, and W. A. Keener

Kids' Chapel, Eld J. H. Booth, W. A. Graham, J. C. Barnett C. G. Tucker, J. M. Kids, and J. D. Ballard.

Salem, G. I. Pasour, and A. Robinson.

Mt Zion, Eld T. W. Upton, D. F. Abernathy, B. Stroup, J. Black, W. J. Caldwell, and J. Morrison.

Lowesville, W. C. Withers.

Bruington, R. G. Flowers and I. C. Sanders.

Hickory Grove, H. Padgett, W. H. Cherry, J. R. Stone and C. H. Abernathy.

The body then proceeded to the election of permenant officers, **W. C. Withers and J. H. Booth** acting as tellers, which resulted in the election of **W. A. Graham**, moderator, **J. H. Booth**, clerk.

The chair appointed the following committee, to draft constitution and rules of order: H. Padgett, W. C. Withers, L. W. Laney, L. S. Caldwell, Eld W. F. Hull, G. I. Pasour, R. G. Flowers J. M. Kids, B. Fish, and D. F. Abernathy.

The following visiting brethren, were welcomed to seats: Rev Theo Whitfield, of South Yadkin, association, Eld D. W. Thomasson, of York, (S. C.) association. Eld J. T. Shell, of Brushy Mountain, association. Bro S. A. Whitener, of Catawba River, association.

The subject of Associational Mission, was made special order for Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M, and Pastorial Support, was made special order for half-past 1 o'clock, P. M.

The committee on Constitution and Rules of order, make a report on Constitution, the consideration of which was postponed until Saturday morning. Prayer by Eld D. W. Thomasson, adjournment until half-past 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

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Saturday morning, November 23.— Moderator Graham, called the Association to order. Religious exercises coducted by Eld Booth Report of committee, on Constitution was unaimously adopted.

At 10 o'clock, A. M, the subject of Associational Missions, the special order for that hour, was taken under consideration. Remarks were made by Elders Booth, Upton, Thomasson, Willkie, and Whitfield.

The following Resolution was offered, by Eld J. H. Booth, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved 1st, That it shall be the duty of the Executive Board, of this Association, to look out and arrange the fields of Missionary work; to devise and recommend to the Churches, a plan by which the necessary funds may be raised; to take the necessary steps towards getting Missionaries on the fields; and to ask the State Mission Board, to assist us in the work.

Resolved 2nd, That we the delegates present, do solemnly pledge ourselves, to do all that we can to get our Churches to sustain by prayer and contributions our Executive Board in the performance of the work before them.

Resolved 3rd, That the Moderator of this Association, be directed to appoint one member in each Church, as an Auxiliary committee to see that each and every member of this Church gives to this object.

The report on Rules of order, was submitted and adopted.

The chair appointed the following messengers to sister Associations:
Kings Mt, Eld T. W. Upton, J. Morrison, and B. Stroup.
York, (S. C) Eld J. H. Booth, W. H. Cherry, and J. R. Stone.
Catawba River, Eld W. F. Hull, I. H Laney, and B. Stroup.
South Yadkin, Elders J. H. Booth, G. J Willkie, Bros B. Fish, S. L. Bolinger, W. C. Withers, T. J. Hamilton, W. S. Tucker, and W. A. Graham.
Brushy Mt, B. Fish, and S. L. Bolinger.

The following Resolution, was adopted: Resolved, That any member of this Association, attending any sister Association, be considered a delegate to the same.

Upon motion of Bro B. Stroup, Hickory Grove, was designated as the next place of meeting.

Eld T. W. Upton, J. R. Stone, and W. C. Withers, appointed as Committee, to nominate Preachers.

Upon motion, the Association directed the Moderator, to appoint himself a member of the Executive Board.

The chair announced the following as th Executive Board: W A Graham, L Warlick. G I Pasour, H Padgett, B Fish.
Association adjourned for dinner.

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Evening Session. —— Payer by B Fish,
The Moderator announced the following auxilary committee: Union: L Warlick. Hickory; A J Cook. Providence; J Hamilton. Mt Ruhama; L S Caldwell. Macedonia; J Burk. Kids' Chapel; C G Tucker. Salem; A Robinson. Mt Zion; J Morrison. Hickory Grove W H Cherry. Bruington; R G Flowers. Mull's Chapel W F Hull. Lowesville W C Withers. Providence 2nd M Hoffman. St Pauls J Cook. Alexandria John Johnson.

The following Resolution was adopted:
Resolved, that the churches of this Association, be requested to make a full statement in thier letters of all moneys contributed, and to what objects, during the Associational year. Also state their Pastors Salary. And that the clerk be directed to furnish the church clerks with blank letters

At half-past 2 o'clock, specail order for the general discussion, of the subject of Pastoral support. Remarks by Mod Graham, Elds Whitfield, Thomasson, and Booth.

Report of committee, to nominate Preachers:

Eld J H Booth, to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld G J Willkie, alternate. Report was adopted.

The following Resolution, was adopted:

Resolved, that we ask the churches of this Association, to send delegates, to meet with the church, at Mt Zion, on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in December next, to organize a Union meeting, of this Association. Delegates Deacons Ministers Clerks Ex Officio and two others from each Church.

Prayer by Eld Shell.

Association adjourned to meet with the church, at Hickory Grove, Gaston county, on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in Sept. 1870.

Sunday Exercises.

Morning, Spent 1 hour in Sunday School, Mass Meeting, Short addresses, delivered by Eds Willkie, Thomasson, and Whitfield.

Eld Thomasson, preached at 11 o'clock from Isaiah 53 chapter 11th verse. After which a collection, was taken for State Missions, Amounting to $7. 08.

At 1. 30, P. M, Dr, Whitfield, preached, from 1st Corinthians 12: 21 verse.

CONSTITUTION.

1 This Association, shall be known as the South Fork, Association.

2 Its object shall be to Educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the churches to which they belong; to support the gospel in destitute sections within its bounds: to assist Baptist Churches, in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sabbath School; and to cooperate with the N. C, Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3 It shall be composed of delegates annually appointed by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates and one additional delegate for every 25 members in excess of 50,

4 Its officers shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected annually by ballot. The Clerk shall be (ex officio) Treasurer.

5 There shall be an Executive Committee of 5 persons annually appointed by the Moderator, who shall have the supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.

6 This Constitution may be amended, by a vote of two thirds of the members to the Association.

7 The Association, shall meet annually on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in September.

RULES OF ORDER.

1 Every meeting shall be opened and closed, with prayer.

2 The delegates names shall be called each day, previous to proceeding to business.

3 The Committees of this Association, shall be as follows: Finance, Associational Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, State of Churches, Temperance, Education, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools Queries and Resolutions, and such special Committees, as may be deemed necessary.

4 The hours of business of this Association, shall be, meet at half-past 9 o'clock, A. M. adjourn at half-past 12 o'clock. P. M. meet at half-past 1 o'clock. adjourn at pleasure, unless other-wise ordered.

5 The Moderator, shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6 The presiding officer, shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice".

7 The Secretary, shall keep a correct record, of the doings of the Association, and superintend the publishing, of the Minutes.

TABLE.

Churches.	Members.	Pastors.	Clerks,	Post Offices.	State.
Kids' Chapel,	121	J H Booth.	W A Graham.	Iron Station,	N. C.
Macedonia,	51	J T Shell	J H Lainey.	Clinesville,	N. C.
Providence,	75	J T Shell.	T J Hamilton.	Catawba Station,	N. C.
Lowesville	7	———	M D Lofton.	Lowesville,	N. C.
Mull's Chapel,	13	J Jones.	M F Hull.	Mull's Grove,	N. C.
Mt Zion,	162	J H Booth.	D F Abernathy.	Stanley Creek,	N. C.
Hickory Grove,	95	J H Booth.	H Padgett.	Pinhook,	N. C.
Salem,	49	J H Booth.	J Dolly.	Iron Station,	N. C.
Bruington,	20	T W Upton.	R G Flowers.	Woodlawn,	N. C.
Mt Ruhama,	116	———	J D Caldwell.	Clinesville,	N. C.

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Hickory Grove, Gaston County, N. C.,
Thursday September 18th, 1879.

South Fork Association in its first annual session met with Hickory Grove Church; Introductory sermon by Dr. T. H. Pritchard, from 1st Cor. 1:21-23, Prayer by J. R. Jones, recess 1 hour.

After recess the Association was called to order. Prayer by Elder G. J. Wilkie, Elders J. R Jones, and J. S Gwaltney, reading clerks and tellers. Finance committee J. G. Hill, G. W. Goodson, and W. H. Cherry. The following Delegates were enrolled:

KIDS' CHAPEL—W. A. Graham, G. W. Goodson, D. H. Parker, J. Stillwell, J. H. Booth.
MACEDONIA—A. Goodson. O. W. Withers.
PROVIDENCE—Rev G. J. Wilkie, T. J. Hamilton, B. Fish, S. L. Bolinger.
LOWESVILLE—W. C. Withers, J. P. Loftin.
EZRA MULL'S CHAPEL—Rev W. F. Hull.
M'T ZION—L. A. Abernathey, J. R. Cronister, B. Stroup, E. Center, J. G. Hill, E, P. Conninger.
HICKORY GROVE—Rev J. Brumfield, W H. Cherry, T. J. Wallace, H. M. Wallace
SALEM—G. I. Payseur, J. Robinson.
BRUINGTON—Rev T. W. Upton, I. C Sanders.
M'T RUHAMA—J. W. Kerbsy, D. H. Abernathey, L. S. Caldwell.
HICKORY—Rev J. R. Jones.
LIBERTY HILL—Hiram Helms.
LINCOLNTON—J. L. Wilkie, C. E. Childs.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers; resulting as follows: Moderator, ...W A. Graham.
Clerk and Treasurer, ... J. G. Hill.

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The following corresponding brethren were welcomed to seats: Dr. T. H. Pritchard, of Central Association. Rev. H. Hatcher, representing the Biblical Recorder. J. Morris, of York (S. C.) Association. M. J. Cochrane, C. B. Webb, J. L. Casbon, J. S. Gwaltney, of South Yadkin Association. The following committees were appointed:

State Missions,—— J. R. Jones, B. Fish, L. A. Abernathey.
Foreign Missions,——J. H. Booth, W. F. Hull, D. H. Parker.
State of Churches,——J. S. Gwaltney, S. L Bolinger, G. I. Paysour.
Temperance—— G. J. Wilkie, D H. Abernathey, B. Stroup.
Education—— Dr. T. H. Pritchard, J Morris, T. W. Upton.
Periodicals,—— H. Hatcher, J. Brunfield, T. J. Hamilton.
Sabbath Schools,—— A. L. Stough, M. J. Cochrane, E. Center.

The church at Liberty Hill Lincoln county, applied for membership and was refered to a committee viz: J. H. Booth, J. S. Gwaltney, T. W. Upton, committee reported Orthodox; church received.

Saturday, 11 o'clock, Special hour for Dr. Pritchard, in behalf of Wake Forest College. On motion adjourned until 9½ o'clock, Friday morning. Prayer by J. Brumfield.

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Friday Morning. Sept 19th.—— Opening exercises by the Moderator, Prayer by P. A. Whitener. The church at Lincolnton, applied for membership, and was received

The following corresponding messengers, were welcomed to seats, viz: P. A. Whitener, D C. Stroup, A. S. Whitener. of the Catawba River, Association. D W Thomasson, W H Hand, W G Warren, J R Garrison, of the York [S C] Association. J B Marsh, J S Bridges, R Saunders, of the South Yadkin, Association.

Committee on Sabbath Schools, reported: after remarks by Dr Pritchard, J R Jones, H Hatcher, report was made special order for Sunday morning.

Committee on Temperance, reported: remarks by H Hatcher, J S Gwaltney, G J Wilkie, report adopted.

Committee on Periodicals, reported: remarks by W A Graham, H Hatcher. Recess 1 hour.

Friday Evening, — Prayer by J B Marsh. Report on Periodicals, continued, remarks by Dr Pritchard, W C Withers, report adopted.

Finance committee reported: report adopted.

Committee on Foreign Missions, reported: remarks by J H Booth, J R Jones, Dr Pritchard, W A Graham, report adopted.

A collection was then taken up for Foreign Missions, amounting to $6.29. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations and delegates to State Convention, viz:

King's M't——T W Upton, J Morrison,
Catawba River, ——W F Hull, I H Laney, J R Jones, S L Bolinger, J G Hill.
South Yadkin, ——J H Booth, W A Graham.
Brown Creek, ——W A Graham.
Brushy M't——J R Jones, W Jones.
To State Convention, ——J R Jones, J H Booth, W A Graham, G J Willkie.

On motion adjourned until 9½ o'clock Saturday morning.

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Saturday Morning, Sept 20th ——Prayer by W F Hull. Agreed to hold the next session of this body, with M't Ruhama church, elected J R Jones, to preach the Introductory sermon.

Executive committee reported: remarks by W A Graham, J R Jones, J H Booth, A L Stough, H Hatcher, W C Withers, report adopted. On motion of J G Hill, a committee was appointed to look after the Baptist interest in a lot at Iron Station, Lincoln co. committee: W A Graham, G I Paysour.

Resolution by B Stroup, resolved: that this Association now respectfully request Baptist churches within our bounds, to consider the propriety of uniting with us in our work for the master, and that the moderator be instructed to furnish such churches with a copy of this resolution: unanamous.

Resolution by W A Graham, resolved: that the Executive Board be authorized to receive any church that may procure letters, to unite with us before our next session of the Association: unanamous.

The chair announced the Executive committee viz: W A Graham, J L Wilkie, G I Paysour, H Padgett, B Fish.

Committee on Education, reported: remarks by Dr Pritchard, H Hatcher, report adopted. Recess 1 hour.

Evening Session —— Prayer by J B Marsh. Committee on State Missions, reported, remarks by J R Jones, Dr Pritchard, W A Graham, J H Booth, report adopted. The chair announced the auxiliary committee, viz:

Hickory; S H Bridges. Providence; T J Hamilton. Mt Ruhama; L S Caldwell. Macedonia; W A Keeter. Kids' Chapel; D H Parker. Salem; A Robinson. Mt Zion; J Morrison Hickory Grove; W H Cherry. Bruington; R G Flowers Mull's Chapel; W F Hull. Lowesville; W C Withers. Liberty Hill; H Helms. Lincolnton; C E Childs.

Committee on state of Churches, repoted: report adopted. Resolution by J G Hill, resolved: that the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren of this church, and friends, for the hospitality extended to them during this session, unanamous.

Preamble, and Resolution by J H Booth, Whereas:

Elder James Brumfield, who has labored hard and long as a Baptist minister, and is now quite old, infirm, and dependant. Resolved: that the South Fork Association, assist him in his time of need, by raising from the churches at least $50. annually, which money shall be paid over to the Executive Board, whose duty it shall be to apply the money to the support of said Brother. Also, the Board be directed to apportion the amount to be raised, among the churches, and to press the matter upon them, unanamous.

On motion the Clerk, was ordered to superintend the Printing of the Minutes, and have $2.55, for his services.

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Sunday morning —— The Association met in Sunday School Mass meeting. Interesting and instructive speeches were delivered by J B Marsh, J R Jones, H Hatcher. The report on S S was then unanamously adopted.

At 11 o'clock Dr Pritchard, preached from 1st Timothy, 1:15th to a large and attententive congregation. After which a collection, was taken up for State Missions, amounting to $8.84.

At 2 o'clock H Hatcher, preached from 2nd Cor. 5:19th.

Adjourned to meet with M't Ruhama church, Catawba county, N C on Thursday, before the 3rd, sabbath in September, 1880.

Closing exercises conducted by H Hatcher.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools respectfully report, that they deem this subject of vital importance to the cause of God and human happiness, and would urge the importance and duty of every Patriot, Philanthrophist and Christian throughout the land, of engaging in the noble S S enterprise, as a promising field of usefulness, especially as a department of Christian effort, eminently calculated to accomplish great and important results. (Continued)

The conquest of the world is the mission of the church. Hence, it is the duty of all Christians to be engaged for the conversion of the world. Many are the attempts now making, for this purpose. Societies are in active operation, with a design to accomplish such a desirable end — to enlarge and establish the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

But among the many admirable exhibitions of benevolent effort held forth at the present day, there are very few superior to the S S enterprise. Most all the benevolent institutions, have their peculiar excellence, bnt are all limited in their object and effort. But here, we have a cause which can effectually benefit ourselves, our Families, our Country and the world at large. How brilliantly and gloriously would the light of christianity shine over the land, if all children were gathered in the S S. Some one has said it would take only five years, to develop the results already indicated. How important then for the whole church, every individual member of the church of christ to use this powerful instrumentality of doing good. Let us all awake to the importance of this noble cause. Let ministers and lay members, let the old and young enter heartily into it, hunt up the poor and needy if necessary, form societies to clothe them, bring them into the school, and there covince them that you love them and desire their happiness. Those hitherto neglected ones, will begin to feel the divinity striving within them, and say to themselves, somebody cares for me: there is hope for me: I can be something in the world: then their little eyes will sparkle with delight, and their countenance shine with hope. They carry home with them, the beautiful papers, and interesting library books. They will tell their parents of the kindness of the teachers, the parents themselves, become interested in their books and papers, and have a kind feeling towards the people who care for their children, and in a few weeks they are seen in the sanctuary. Soon the solitary places will be made to rejoice, and our churches made numerous and strong, and pastors happy and useful. That in view of what been said, must we think of those christians deny us their countenance and hearty co-operation in this matter? will not such conduct be visited with the most tremendous consequences? Your committee recommend the following resolutions to be adopted by the Association:

1 resolved, this Association view the institution of Sabbath Schools, among the greatest of means under God, of promoting the Kingdom of Christ.

2 resolved, that this Association recommend to the ministers and churches to take suitable measures, as quick as practicable, to establish and sustain one or more Sabbath Schools within the bounds of each congregation.

3 resolved, that all the ministers belonging this body be requested to lay before thier different congregations, as soon as practicable, the importance and utility of this institution. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A L STOUGH, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We are under obligations sacredly binding, to send the gospel into foreign lands; and we are under obligations no less binding to supply destitute fields in our own state; for the success of the Foreign Mission enterprise, depends upon the success of the Mission work at home; and we are rejoiced to know that the Lord is blessing the efforts at home. There are now 18 Missionaries, whose salaries are paid in part, by the State Mission Board. They are laboring in sections that would be, but for the assistance of the Board, destitute of Baptist preaching. Besides these, there are Ministers devoting a part of their time to mission work, under the auspices of Associational Boards, and are doing good work. In the Eastern part of the state, there is a large missionary field whose soil is good and people wealthy, that has been for many years under the Anti-missionary spirit, a land that so far as Baptist preaching is concerned, has been desolate and waste; but now a part of that field is supplied with the Gospel as we preach it, by the State Mission Board; and the Anti-missionary spirit is giving away to the spirit of the Gospel. In this up-country, fields are now supplied with Baptist preaching by the Board. Now since the Lord is manifesting his approval of this enterprise by such signed success as has been reported during this year it shows that we should engage more earnestly in, and enlarge the work. Brethren, inasmuch asthe missionary operation depends upon the liberality of the Baptists of the State, we should be alive to the work, and respond liberally to the pressing demands of our destitute sections.

Respectfully, J R JONES, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions, is a work in which Baptists specially should feel interested. Taking as we do, the Bible as our only guide, and rule of faith, we should seek to obey the great marching orders of the Captain of our Salvation. He says, Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (Continued.)

teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" and adds, "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." This is a work upon which God has vouched-safe his richest blessing, as the following facts show: In 1830, there were 27,000. Protestant converts, in India, in 1871, there were 318,000. and now there are not less than 500,000 about Three-fifths of whom are Baptists. In China, Thirty years ago there were 3 Christians, now there are 13,000. Rev Chancy Goodrich, writes, that China, is now open to the gospel as never before, and says, "The future of China, is to be a large feature, in the future of the world." In Southern Africa, there are about Forty thousand, belonging to the different christian denominations. 45 years ago there were 7 Baptists in Germany; now there are Twenty-five thousand. During 6 years the Protestants of Japan, have increased from 13 to Twelve hundred. Hon Wm Waxe, has lately visited the Sandwich Islands and he reports, that no land is better supplied with churches and schools. 60 years ago the people of those Islands were Cannibals. The Baptists of this country report for last year 12,944. converts in the Foreign fields. But the places to which we Southern Baptists are now called upon to send the gospel are China, Italy and Africa, where we have missionaries, and others are ready to go, as soon as the money be raised to send them. Brethren, we who are not called upon by the Lord to go in person, should give ofour means, and rejoice so to do, for the support of those who do go. And as the harvest is great, and the laborers are few, we should pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into this part of the Vineyard.

J H BOOTH, Chairman.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We respecfully submit: During the past year we have employed Eld J R Jones, for one-fourth of his time, to labor at points contiguous to Newton and Hickory, Catawba county, compensation at the rate of One Hundred Dollars, pr annum From April the 1st 1879, Bro. Jones has not put in all his time, and only demands Thirty Dollars, which has been paid. We supplemented Eld J H Booth; salary at Lowesville at the rate of Ten Dollars, pr annum. Three-fourths of which time has expired and been paid for. We have received the following amounts from the specefied churches, for Associational Missions: (Total $38.75, see Financial Table.)Paid J R Jones, $30 00, J H Booth, $7 50, Ballance, $1.25. The State Mission Board, has aided us in the work by appointing the following Missionaries in our bounds, viz: A L Stough, at Lincolnton. J H Booth, at Dallas, J R Jones, at Newton and Hickory. They are compensated by the State Mission Board, and the fields they serve. God has blessed these brethren; Bro. Stough, was aided by F M Jordan, in a glorious revival at Lincolnton 31 were baptized; and the church is alive and active, and seems to have a bright future before it. (Continued.)

At Hickory, Bro. Jones, has baptized 4, and the prospect there, at Newton, and at Dallas, are encouraging Bro. Booth, has baptized 3, at Lowesville. We call your attention to the fact, that of the 59 persons baptized in our bounds. 38 were baptized by the Missionaries The following churches are endeavoring to build houses of worship, and we recommend them to the liberality of the churches of the Association, viz: Lincolnton, Lowesville, Bruington, and Salem. The field is encouraging, and if the churches will give liberal contributions we may soon impart with the blessing of God, to occupy it for him.

W A GRAHAM, Chairman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is of permanent importance to the interests of both church and state, and it is the duty of both to diffuse among the people the benefits of sound learning. The Baptists of N C have excellent schools for Girls, at Murfresboro, Raleigh and Thomasville, and many good Academies for the education of Boys, such as are to be found at ——— Falls, Lerd Springs, and Fork Church, and other places; and one College, Wake Forest, which your committee are glad to report in a prosperous condition. The present session of the college opened with 125 students, and will probably reach 150 before next June. There are 24 young men at this Institution studying for the ministry, 15 of them are beneficiaries, being supported by Associations or Individual churches. Only about $96.00, a year are needed to sustain a young preacher, and your committee would ask if it would not be wise in this Association to adopt some young man, and educate him that he may be the better prepared to preach the Gospel? T H PRITCHARD, Chairman.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee, submit the following report: This is a reading age, and our country is flooded with reading matter, and it becomes us to supply our membership with a sound and healthy Literature. We therefore heartily commend, The Biblical Recorder, (our Baptist state Paper.) as sound in the faith, and worthy of the patronage of our brethren. H HATCHER, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee, beg leave to say that the subject of Temperance is of too great importance, for us to attempt to make many remarks upon it in this report. It appears that there is scarcely any other subject, that is the cause of so much evil as that of Intemperance. We beg every lover of hospitality and peace, to try to suppress the evil by precept and example. G J WILKIE, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES.

We are sorry to see so little interest manifested by some of the churches, in this great work. Brethren, let us resolve to do more for the cause of the Master next year, than we have in the present. Respectfully, J S GWALTNEY, Chairman.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MAJ W A GRAHAM,.....Moderator.
REV J G HILL, ...Clerk and Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

W A Graham, J L Wilkie, G I Paysour, H Padgett, B Fish.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

James Brumfield, Dallas, N. C.
J H Booth, Denver, N. C.
W F Hull, Mull's Grove, N. C.
G J Wilkie, Catawba Station, N. C.
T W Upton, Stanly Creek, N. C.
J R Jones, Hickory, N. C.

STATISTICAL & FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received.	Dismissed.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Members	Lord's day of preaching.	Pastor's Salary.	For Minutes.	Asso. Missions.	Foreign Missions.	For Education
Kids' Chapel,	3	1	3	0	0	0	122	4th	$130.	$2.00	$21.10	$3.96	$54.00
Providence,	3	1	2	0	4	0	70	4th	50.	1¼	10.	0	0
Lowesville,	3	-	-	-	-	-	10	3rd	40.	¾	-	¾	-
Hickory Grove,	5	2	4	-	7	2	84	2nd	——	1.30	9.20	1.45	-
Hickory,	4	1	-	-	-	-	28	4th	40.	1½	-	1½	-
Mt Zion,	6	2	6	2	6	-	159	3rd	75.	1½	10.70	-	-
Bruington,	2	8	2	-	1	1	26	2nd	——	.60	-	-	-
Salem.	-	-	3	-	-	2	56	4th	——	.35	.85	-	-
Ezra Mull's Chapel,	-	2	-	-	-	-	14	4th	——	½	-	-	-
Liberty Hill,	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	——	——	.35	-	-	-
Macedonia,	5	2	4	-	6	1	51	——	13	.30	1.55	-	-
Mt Ruhama,	-	2	-	-	1	1	115	1st	——	.45	.95	-	-
Lincolnton,	31	-	-	-	-	-	49	1st	61.	1½	-	-	-
Totals,	62	21	24	2	25	7	806	——	409.	12	55	53½	1041 54.

MINUTES OF THE

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

held with

Mount Ruhama Church

Catawba County, N. C.

September 16, 17, 18, 1880

W. A. Graham, Moderator

J. G. Hill, Clerk

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Ministers' names and Post Office.

James Brumfield,	Dallas,	N. C.
G J Wilkie,	Catawba St'n,	"
J R Jones,	Hickory,	"
W F Hull,	Mull's Grove,	"
T W Upton,	Stanley Cr'k,	"
J S Gwaltney,	Clinesville,	"
D Carpenter,	Seigle's Store,	"
J G Hill,	Stanley Cr'k,	"

Clerks and their Post Office.

Bruington —— T W Upton,	Stanley Creek,	N C.
Ezra Mull's Chapel —— W F Hull,	Mull's Grove,	"
Hickory —— S H Bridges,	Hickory,	"
Hickory Grove —— J M Holobough	M't Holly,	"
Kids' Chapel —— W A Graham,	Iron Station,	"
Lincolnton —— ——	——	——
Lowesville —— W C Withers,	Lowesville,	N C.
Liberty Hill —— D Carpenter,	Seigle's Store,	"
Macedonia —— W C Mullers,	Lincolnton,	"
M't Ruhama —— L S Caldwell,	Clinesville,	"
M't Zion —— D F Abernathey,	Stanley Creek,	"
Providence 1st —— T J Hamilton,	Catawba Station	"
Providence 2nd —— M O Hoffman	Jugtown,	"
Salem —— A Robinson,	Lincolnton,	"
Thessalonica —— Wm Norwood,	——	——

MINUTES.

M't Ruhama M. H., Catawba County, N. C., September 16, 1880.

The South Fork Association in its second annual session, met with M't Ruhama Church. Introductory sermon by Rev J R Jones.

Evening session——Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev H Hatcher. Elders J R Jones, and T Harrison, reading Clerks. Finance committee: W H Cherry, A Robinson, and W A Keener.

Delegates enrolled, viz:

BRUINGTON —— T W Upton, J Handsel.
EZRA MULL'S CHAPEL —— W B Mull, Wm Johnston.
HICKORY —— Rev J R Jones, A Ramseur, E Wood.
HICKORY GROVE —— J R Stone, H Padgett, W H Cherry.
KIDS' CHAPEL —— W A Graham, J P Cloninger.
LINCOLNTON —— Not Represented.
LOWESVILLE —— J P Loftin.
LIBERTY HILL —— Rev D Carpenter, H Helms.
MACEDONIA —— Rev J S Gwaltney, W A Keener, M Beal.
M'T RUHAMA —— L S Caldwell, L J Caldwell, J L Crouse, M A Clark.
M'T ZION —— Rev J G Hill, B Stroup, R Handsel, W J Caldwell, B McLure, J Black.
PROVIDENCE 1st —— Rev G J Wilkie, J A Wilkie, J Danner.
PROVIDENCE 2nd —— M O Hoffman, J M Hoffman.
SALEM —— A Robinson, A Harrell.
THESSALONICA —— C Canipe, J Killian.

Organization: W A Graham, Moderator. Rev J G Hill, Clerk. Received Providence 2nd, as a member of this Association. The following corresponding brethren were welcomed to seats: Rev T Harrison, Agent for Foreign Mission Board. Rev H Hatcher, representing the Recorder. Rev J B Boon, and brethren J S Bridges, J Setzer, and W L Moore. of the South Yadkin Association.

The chair announced the following committees, whose names will appear with their reports: State Missions, Foreign Missions, Queries and Resolutions, State of Churches, Temperance, Education, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools. On motion adjourned to meet Friday 9 1-2 o'clock A M. Prayer by Rev J B Boone.

Friday morning, Sept. 17th —— Prayer by Rev T W Upton. The chair announced M O Hoffman, W B Mull, B Stroup, as a committee on time and place of next meeting.

Delegates to the State Convention: Rev J R Jones, W A Graham. On motion an amendment was made to the Constitution; see Constitution.

Committee on State Missions reported, remarks by Elders H Hatcher, T W Upton, J B Boone, J R Jones, and Bro W A Graham, report adopted. Pending the discussion, a collection was taken in favor of Hickory Church, amounting to $6.00.

Committee on Periodicals reported, remarks by Elders H Hatcher, T Harrison, J S Gwaltney, and Bro W A Graham, report adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported, remarks by Elders J R Jones, and J B Boone, report adopted.

Committee on place of next meeting reported, Ezra Mull's Chapel; Rev A L Stough, to preach the Introductory sermon; Rev J S Gwaltney, Alternate.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported, remarks by Rev J S Gwaltney.

Evening session —— Prayer by Rev J R Jones. Azer Shell,

a correspondent from Brushy Mountain Association, was welcomed to a seat with us. Report on Sabbath Schools continued, remarks by Rev J R Jones, report adopted.

The chair announced Elders G J Wilkie, T W Upton, and Bro D H Abernathey, as a committee on Obituaries.

Committe on Education reported, remarks by Elders J R Jones, H Hatcher, J B Boone, T Harrison, and Bro W A Graham, report adopted.

The chair announced the Auxiliary committee, viz: Bruington, J W Handsel; Ezra Mull's Chapel, P M Mull; Hickory, B F Whitesides; Hickory Grove, W H Cherry; Kids' Chapel, J P Cloninger; Lincolnton, C E Childs; Lowesville, J P Loftin; Liberty Hill, H Helms; Macedonia, W A Keener; M't Ruhama, L S Caldwell; M't Zion, R Handsel; Providence, 1st, J Danner; Providence, 2nd, M O Hoffman; Salem, A M Harrell; Thessalonica, C Canipe.

Finance committee reported $10.75, of a Minute fund, and ordered the Clerk to superintend the Printing of the minutes, and retain $4 00, for his services. Adjourned to meet Saturday 9 1-2 o'clock A M. Prayer by Rev G J Wilkie.

Saturday morning, Sept. 18th —— Prayer by J S Gwaltney. Committee on State of Churches reported; report adopted.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported, remarks by Elders T Harrison, J R Jones and Bro W A Graham, report adopted. Pending the discussion, a collection was taken in favor of Foreign Missions amounting to $6.85. Adjourned for preaching.

Evening session —— Prayer by Rev T Harrison. Executive Committee reported, remarks by Elders T W Upton, J S Gwaltney, T Harrison, J R Jones, and Bro W A Graham, report adopted.

Committee on Obituaries reported; report adopted.

On motion Resolved, that the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered to this church and community, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertain-

ed them. Adjourned to meet with Ezra Mull's Chapel, Catawba County, N C, on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1881. Prayer by Rev J B Boone.

Sunday Exercises —— At 9 1-2 o'clock the Sabbath School mass meeting was addressed by T Harrison, J S Gwaltney, and J R Jones. At 11 o'clock A M, Rev T Harrison, preached the Missionary sermon, from 1st Peter, 2nd chapter, and 1st part of the 7th verse. Collection for State Missions, $8 55.

At 2 o'clock P M, Rev J R Jones, preached from Matt. 25:13.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of the State Mission Board is the main thing with the Baptists of North Carolina. This work, as is now carried on, is mainly in the old Pamlico region in Eastern N C, in which field there are brethren Hufham, Vann, Carter, Carrick, and others; and the work lying along the line of the Carolina Central R R, in which the laborers are brethren W T Jordan, E L Davis, and others; and the Western end of the state extending from Greensboro to the mountains, including High Point, occupied by Bro Richardson; Salisbury and Statesville, occupied by J B Boone; Mooresville and several points in the country occupied by T J Rooke; M't Airy occupied by C C Haymore; Gastonia occupied by Bro Elam; and Hickory, Newton, and Morganton occupied by Bro Jones. Some of these brethren are employed for only a portion of their time, but they are doing a grand work for the denomination.

Never in the history of N C, has such vigorous and successful efforts been put forth to strengthen the weak points of our denomination. And never before in our history has such a corps of men been, at any one time, employed in the missionary work. If you go over the list of employees of the Board,

it will be seen at a glance that we have the strength of our ministry in this work.

Putting these facts together then comes to us the most convincing argument for our support of the Board. As fast as the contributions of the Board will justify, other fields will be occupied. Indeed the greater our success, the broader becomes the field before us.

Our Master has set before us great opportunities; let us improve them for Christ's sake. Respectfully submitted.

Rev J B BOONE,
M BEAL,
W B MULL.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The motto of the Foreign Mission work has ever been "onward", and to-day every quarter of the Globe is being permeated with the saving influences of the Gospel.

The Southern Baptist Convention has Missionaries in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America; and still the Macedonian cry comes on every breeze for more Missionaries, more Teachers and more Bibles. God has opened a vast field of labor in China in which our noble, self-sacrificing women can consecrate every faculty of their being to the service of the Master, and not violate the plain teachings of scripture.

Other works may appeal to our love of self, to the common instincts of humanity, and to our patriotism, but in this the prompting, directing, and controlling influence, is the love of Christ Jesus, and that alone.

Let us then, in obedience to the command of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world &c," ever show our loyalty to him by deeply sympathizing with, and earnestly praying for, and liberally contributing to the support of our Missionaries, that our God may be glorified in the salvation of the heathen through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A HARRELL,
B McLURE,
T HARRISON.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

We believe that the use of intoxicating drinks is a great evil, if not the greatest in the land, and in view of the fact that the great Apostle of the Gentiles has said, they that strive for the Mastery are temperate in all things. We would advise the delegates of this Association, on their return home, to instruct their respective churches to look well to this great evil, and see that the cause of Christ is not impeded by drunken members; for we will assure you that there is no sin so destructive to human happiness, as the drinking of intoxicating liquors.

J S GWALTNEY,
L J CALDWELL,
J W HANDSEL.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We consider Education to be of vast importance to our people; and do not think that it is receiving that attention that our interest in both Church and State demand. We submit furthermore, that our prosperity will increase as our people become educated.

The Baptists of the state have good schools for girls, at Murfreesboro, Oxford, Thomasville, Wilson; and many fine schools for boys, such as are at Moravian Falls, Fork Church, and many other places for higher education of boys; we have Wake Forest College, one of the best in the state, and is now in a more prosperous condition, perhaps than at any time in its history; and we do heartily recommend it to the consideration of every Baptist, as highly worthy of their patronage.

J R JONES,
J P CLONINGER,
Wm JOHNSON.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We employed Eld J R Jones, for the months of November and December, '79 as Missionary for one-fourth of time, at the

rate of $100. per year; since January '80 he has been preaching at Bosh School House, we agreeing to pay him $25. per year. Settled, $33.33.

The salary of Eld G J Wilkie, at Bruington, has been supplemented at the rate of 10 dollars per year since 1st of January. Settled, $6 66

The salary of Eld J H Booth, at Lowesville, supplemented at the rate of 10 dollars per year, for the ballance of '79 and since 1st of March '80 Settled, $8 33

There is much Territory in our bounds, still unoccupied by the Baptists, but until the contributions for this purpose are received, we can do but little.

Eld T W Upton, has preached occasionally at M't'n Island Factory. Eld J S Gwaltney, has given 3 sabbaths in the month, a portion of the year, to preaching in destitute sections.

W A GRAHAM,
B FISH,
H PADGETT.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

All must feel the need of pure reading matter among our churches; we commend our state paper, The Biblical Recorder, as sound in the faith, and altogether worthy of the patronage of all Baptists; we also commend The Foreign Mission Journal, and Kind Words

H HATCHER,
R HANDSEL,
J H DANNER.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

We consider a well conducted Sabbath School, in any section of country, of benefit, both to morality and religion; not only for the young, but all ages; we therefore consider, that every church, so far as practicable, should have a well conducted Sabbath School, as near all the time as possible, and even in sections where there is no church convenient, a School may much good. We think we can see the difference in the conduct and attention of a congregation, where there has been a School, and where there has not.

Rev G J WILKIE, J R STONE, B STROUP.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee on Obituaries, say that in the death of our dear and much respected Wm Pool; the Church has lost a steady, respectable, influential member. He was about 78 years of age, had been a member of the Baptist Church, about 40 or, 50 years; leaving a wife and 8 children, and a number of grand-children and friends, to mourn his sudden and unexpected death. May this death lead our minds to the Judgment bar. We heartily sympathize with the wife and friends.

G J WILKIE,
T W UPTON,
D ABERNATHEY.

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CONSTITUTION.

1 This Association, shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2 Its object shall be, to Educate men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the Churches to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist Churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sabbath Schools; and to co-operate with the N C, Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3 It shall be composed of delegates annually appointed by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to 2 delegates, and 1 additional delegate for every 25 members in excess of 50.

4 Its officers shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who be elected annually by ballot; the Clerk shall be (ex officio) Treasurer.

5 There shall be an Executive Committee of 5 persons annually appointed by the moderator, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.

6 This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members to the Association.

7 That any member of this Association attending any sister Association, be considered a delegate to the same.

8 The Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in October.

RULES OF ORDER.

1 Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2 The delegates names shall be called each day previous to preceeding to business.

3 The Committees of this Association shall be: Finance, Associational Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, State of Churches, Temperance, Education, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, Queries and Resolutions, and such special committees as may deemed necessary.

4 The hours of business shall be: meet at half-past 9 o'clock A M, adjourn at half-past 12 o'clock P M, meet at half-past 1 o'clok adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5 The Moderator shall preside at all meetings but, may designate some one to take his place if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6 The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice".

7 The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all the doings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the Minutes

Baptist Convention 3709

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total Membership.	For Minutes.	For Associational Missions.	For State Missions.	For Foregn Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	For Education.	For Home Missions.	Incidental Expenses.
Brtington,	2	6	1	8			32	$ .60	$ .75	$	$	$	$	$	$
Ezra Mull's Chapel,	11	2		1	1		31	.70							
Hickory,							28	.75	3 00	2 00	2 15				
Hickory Grove,	2	5		4	1		85	60	6 54	2 92	2 40	50 00			
Kids' Chapel,	1	2	1	1		2	85				.10	50.75		7 63	83.38
Lincolnton,	7	1		4	4	3	118	1 00	8 20	2 00	4.25		5.00		
Lowesville,				1											
Liberty Hill,	1			1	3	1	8	55							
Macedonia,				1	1		20	.45							
M't Ruhama,	3						53	.55	4 00		1 50	31.50			
M't Zion,	1	3	1	1	1		111	55	40		1.70	13.50			272.00
Providence 1st,	9	4		5	6	1	160	1 50	7.78	1 41	1.25	60 00			25.35
Providence 2nd,		2		2			65	1 00	5 10		1 20				
Salem,	18	1					51	1 15	1 00						
Thessalonica,	7			1	2		55	40	1.65	6 81		50 00			
				2			57	1.26	3 45		1.40	2 25			
	55	27	8	31	23	8	874	$11.06	$39.87	$15 14	$15.95	$2.8.00	$5.00	$7.63	$380.73

L S CALDWELL, J BLACK, M A CLARK.

☞ The Collections at Unions Meetings were: $1.61 for Associational Missions; and $10.50 for Foreign Missions, which is to be added to the above report.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Third Anniversary

OF THE

SOUTH FORK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Ezra Mull Chapel,

CATAWBA COUNTY, N. C.,

October 13, 14 and 15, 1881.

MODERATOR, - - - W. A. GRAHAM, Machpelah.

CLERK, - - - - - J. L. WILLKIE, Lincolnton.

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Progress Print, Lincolnton, N. C.

Ministers' Names and Postoffice.

JAMES BRUMFIELD,	Dallas,	N. C.
G. J. WILLKIE,	Catawba Station,	"
J. R. JONES,	Hickory,	"
W. F. HULL,	Mull's Grove,	"
T. W. UPTON,	Stanley Creek,	"
D. CARPENTER,	Seagle's Store,	"
J. A. HUGGINS,	Iron Station,	"
J. F. MORRIS,	Stanley Creek,	"

Clerks and Their Postoffice.

Bruington,	T. W. UPTON,	Stanley Cr'k, N.C.
Ezra Mull's Chapel,	W. F. HULL,	Mull's Grove, "
Hickory,	S. H. BRIDGES,	Hickory, "
Hickory Grove,	J. M. HOLOBOUGH,	Mt. Holly, "
Kids' Chapel,	W. A. GRAHAM,	Machpelah, "
Lincolnton,	C. E. CHILDS,	Lincolnton, "
Lowesville,	W. C. WITHERS,	Lowesville, "
Liberty Hill,	D. CARPENTER,	Seagle's Store "
Macedonia,	W. C. MULLEN,	Lincolnton, "
Mountain Grove,	D. A. WHISNANT,	Hickory, "
Mt. Ruhama,	L. S. CALDWELL,	Clinesville, "
Mt. Zion,	D. F. ABERNATHY,	Stanley Creek "
Providence 1st,	T. J. HAMILTON,	Catawba St'n "
Providence 2nd,	MILES HOFFMAN,	Jug Town, "
Salem,	A. ROBINSON,	Lincolnton, "
Thessalonica,	Mrs. W. L. KILLIAN,	

MINUTES.

The Association convened with Ezra Mull's Chapel Church, Catawba County, N. C., October 13, 1881. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. F. Morris: Titus 2:14.

Afternoon Session—Prayer by Elder J. K. Faulkner.

P. P. Mull was appointed temporary Clerk. W. H. Cherry, J. Hancel, J. T. Shelton, Finance Committee.

Delegates enrolled, viz:

BRUINGTON—Elder T W Upton, J W Hancel.
MULL'S CHAPEL—P P Mull, Wm Huffman.
HICKORY—Elder J R Jones.
HICKORY GROVE—Elder James Brumfield, G C Rhyne, W H Cherry, M L Clemmer, S V Smith, S J Skidmore.
LINCOLNTON—J L Willkie, J J Cornwell.
LIBERTY HILL—Elder D Carpenter, H Helms.
KIDS' CHAPEL—W A Graham.
MOUNT ZION—J T Shelton, B Stroup, R Hancel, Elder J F Morris, D F Abernathy, B McClure.
PROVIDENCE—Elder G J Willkie, D Fish, J A Willkie.
PROVIDENCE 2nd—B Baker, M Hildebrand.
SALEM—G I Paysour, A G Harrel.
THESSALONICA—W A Wray.

W A Graham was elected Moderator and P P Mull, Clerk.

The following visitors and correspondents accepted seats in the Association: J S Bridgers, South Yadkin Association, Elder J P Styles, of the King's Mountain, Elders J K Faulkner and W F Hull.

The chairman announced the various committees whose names will appear with their reports.

The church at Mountain Grove was received as a member of this Association. Delegates, D A Whisnant, C Baker.

Prayer by Elder Brumfield.

Adjourned.

Friday 14th.—Association convened. Prayer by T W Upton.

The following visitors and correspondents were present: Elder A A McSwain, D Leatherman, King's Mountain, Elder J A Rector, Catawba River Association.

Delegates appointed to State Convention: Elders J R Jones, J F Morris and Brother W A Graham.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Remarks by Elders Brumfield, Hull, Jones, Styers, J S Bridgers and W A Graham.

The report was adopted.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Remarks by Elders Jones, Upton, Hull, Brumfield and W A Graham.

Adjourned for preaching by Elder J R Jones.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Elder Rector.

Elder W Abernathy, of the Catawba River Association, accepted a seat.

Committee on Temperance reported. Remarks by Elders Morris, James Willkie, Upton, McSwain, Rector and Styers. The report was adopted.

Committee on Education reported. Remarks by Elders Faulkner, Jones and Brother W. A Graham.

At his request the Clerk was excused and Brother J L Willkie appointed in his stead.

Prayer by Elder G J Willkie.

Adjourned.

Saturday 15th.—Association convened. Prayer by Elder Abernathy.

Elder E A Poe reported from Catawba River Association.

On motion of Brother B Stroup, speeches were limited to ten minutes.

The report on education was adopted.

Committee on State Missions reported. Remarks by Elders Poe, Faulkner, Jones, Willkie and W A Graham. Collection, $8 98.

The report was adopted.

Executive Committee reported. Remarks by Brother W A Graham, Elders J F Morris, T W Upton, W M Hull, J R Jones, E A Poe, Brother J A Willkie, B Fish, Elders Styers and D Carpenter.

On motion of Elder J F Morris it was resolved that the Association raise $400 next year for Associational Mission.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Correspondents from other Associations: Brother A P Bumgarner, from Catawba River, and Elder Moss, of the King's Mountain.

Committee on place of next meeting, reported Salem as the place, and Rev J R Jones to preach the introductory sermon. The report was adopted.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Remarks by Elder E A Poe, Brother W A Graham and Elder J K Faulkner.

A collection was taken up and $5 65 was contributed.

The report was adopted.

A report was made on the state of the church, which was adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported.

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to superintend the printing of the minutes, and was allowed $4 00 for his services.

A special committee reported that Union meeting convene with Mt Zion church on Saturday before the 3d Sunday in December. The report was adopted.

The Executive Committee was ordered to pay $10 00 to Lincolnton and Mountain Grove churches for church extension.

The thanks of the Association were returned to the brethren, sisters and friends of the community for their hospitality and kindness.

The Clerk was ordered to send a copy of the Minutes to the clerk of each church of the Association not represented at this session.

The Auxilary and Executive Committees were announced.

Adjourned to meet with Salem church, Lincoln county, on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in October, 1882.

Prayer by Elder J K Faulkner.

Sunday Exercises.—Elder McSwain preached at 10 o'clock, and Elder Faulkner preached the Missionary sermon at 11 o'clock.

A collection, amounting to $16 30, was taken up for State Missions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We would recommend the *Biblical Recorder* as being the paper for the Baptists of the State, and *Kind Words*, published at Marion, Georgia, and the *Young Reaper*, published in Philadelphia, as being invaluable help to Sunday School workers.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES BRUMFIELD,
Chairman of Committee.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Except the church of Christ we do not believe there is any organization destined to accomplish so much for the cause of Christ and the good of man as the Sabbath School when properly organized and conducted. It is, in reality, the church at work, and affords opportunities for all to work for the Master and do something for His cause. There are those who may be reached by the Sabbath School who can not be reached by the ministry. In Matt., 20 chapter, 6 verse, he asks, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" clearly implying that there is work for all to do. It is an undeniable fact that the churches that have encouraged and fostered Sabbath Schools have been signally blest with revivals of religion, and exert an influence for good which they could not otherwise do. Therefore let us one and all lay aside every weight and the sin of Sabbath visiting, put on the whole armor and present an unbroken front against the powers of darkness.

J. F. Morris,
R. Hansel,
W. A. Wray.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is, without doubt, the most destructive morally and socially of any other evil that curses the world. We do not consider that the failure to ratify the

prohibitory law was a true test of the feeling of temperance which exists among the people. The cause is good, and we do not think that we should be discouraged, but by diligence and sound argument we should show its practical benefit to society, and looking to God for help we must unite to improve the condition of the people relative to this gigantic evil. We would be sorry to see any discouragement or backsliding by the temperance party, but we hope to see all live strictly up to their profession. And as we believe that the church is the ground and pillow of the Truth be it

Resolved, That every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in their members the making, selling or using as a beverage intoxicating drinks, or holding office of store-keeper or other office in the liquor department of the internal revenue service, and if after being admonished by the church they refuse to obey we believe the church will be justifiable in withdrawing their fellowship from such members as not bearing the church but walking in darkness.

Resolved, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

G. J. Willkie,
Bartlett Stroup,
L. V. Smith.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

To educate is to develop *possibilities*. For all practical purposes, to educate a man is to bring him up to the full capacity of his native endowments. Books, teachers, colleges and seminaries are means given by God and blessed by His providence to every man unto whom His spirit has said, "Go work to-day in my vinyard." And as every man would make his hand ready for physical employment, so every teacher should make his mind ready for intellectual pursuits. Every young man and woman should, as far as possible, be educated and trained in the schools. The "man of God," especially, should be thoroughly furnished in every sense of that word. For ministers, the time is already here when young brethren should seek thorough preparation for their work. Hence, we insist upon what

is now termed ministerial education. To this end, we commend to our people the college at Wake Forest, North Carolina, and the Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. About thirty-two young men intending to preach the Gospel have applied for admission to the college this session, and there are from this State six young preachers at the seminary. Most of these are beneficiaries of the Education Board, and appeal to your sympathies, your prayers and your contributions. We express as the sentiment of this body a full and abiding interest in the cause of education, both in our midst and in our beloved denomination. We also recommend Chowan Female Institute and Thomasville Female Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. FAULKNER,
M. L. CLEMMER,
A. G. HARREL.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

With grateful acknowledgments the State Mission Board reports greater progress and success; more missionaries have been put into the field; better collections made and more cheering results from the labor done. The only embarrassment to the work is insufficiency of means to supply the destitution in our State. The Board has employed twenty-six missionaries, extending from the extreme east to the mountains of the State. Of the funds needed for this conventional year, there is about $500 now due the laborers. The Board has aided within the bounds of this association the following places. Hickory, Newton, Lincolnton and vicinity of Lincolnton. The Board most earnestly asks the full co-operation of the Baptist denomination of the State by their prayers, labors and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BRIDGES,
J. L. WILLKIE,
WM. HUFMAN.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee respectfully report that puring the year we have employed Elder J. R. Jones as

Missionary at Killian school house, in Catawba county, at a salary of $25, and have supplemented the salary of Elder G. J. Willkie to the amount of $5 at Bruington. We have received $55 82, paid out $30 10 and have now on hand $25 72. There are many places in our bounds now ripe for the Baptists, and if the churches will only supply funds to support the missionaries, with the blessing of God you can do a mighty work during the next year.

W. A. GRAHAM,
B. FISH,
G. I. PAYSOUR,
J. L. WILLKIE.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions respectfully report that the work of Foreign Missions of the Baptist State Convention now extends to ports in every quarter of the globe. In Europe is Dr. G. B. Taylor and others situated in Italy. In Africa is Rev. W. J. Daviee, and others are situated on the western coast, in the Republic of Liberia. In Asia are Drs. T. P. Crawford, M. T. Yates, Rev. R. H. Graves and others situated in the large country of China. In South America is Rev. E. H. Quillen, situated at Santa Barbara, in the Province of San Panlo, Brazil. These are all noble men, and are doing a noble work. They very much need reinforcements. Let us not be slow in furnishing them, for God said "the field is the world, occupy till I come."

For particulars, we refer you to the *Foreign Mission Journal*.

Respectfully submitted,
J. P. STYERS,
B. FISH,
J. H. LEATHERMAN.

Auxilary Committee.

BRUINGTON—J W Hansell.
EZRA MULL'S CHAPEL—P M Mull.
HICKORY—B F Whitener.
HICKORY GROVE—W H Cherry.
KIDS' CHAPEL—S W Keever.
LINCOLNTON—C E Childs.
LOWESVILLE—W B Withers.
LIBERTY HILL—D Carpenter.
MACEDONIA—W A Keener.
Mt. RUHAMA—L S Caldwell.
Mt. ZION—R Hansell.
Mt. GROVE—D A Whisnant.
PROVIDENCE—J Danner.
PROVIDENCE 2d—Miles Hufman.
SALEM—A G Harrell.
THESSALONICA—C Canipe.

Executive Board.

W A Graham, Chairman.
B Stroup, B Fish, G J Paysour, J L Willkie.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the churches to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sabbath Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. It shall be composed of delegates, annually appointed by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty.

4. Its officers shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who be elected annually by ballot. The Clerk shall be (ex-officio) Treasurer.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons annually appointed by the Moderator, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.

6. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members to the Association.

7. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association, be considered a delegate to the same.

8. The Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in October.

Rules of Order.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The Committees of this Association shall be: Finance, Associational Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, State of Churches, Temperance, Education, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, Queries and Resolutions, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be: Meet at half-past 9 o'clock A. M., adjourn at half-past 12 o'clock P. M., meet at half-past 1 o'clock and adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all the doings of the Association, and superintend printing of Minutes.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Minutes.	Associational Missions	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Education.	Home Missions.	Incidental Expenses.	Church Extension.
Bruington,.....	$	1	1	1		2	$ 30	$ 70	$ 3 30	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Ezra Mull's Chapel,	10			3	1		32	75	2 00			50 00			1 29	
Hickory,.....	4	5			1	1	36	50	5 00	2 63	2 47					
Hickory Grove,.....	13	6	4	5		3	99	1 95	8 22							
Kidd's Chapel,.....	10	3	3	2	6	2	1 24	1 25	8 25	7 62	8 75		48 20			
Lincolnton,.....	11	2		2	4	2	56	1 00	3 00							
Lowesville,.....							8									
Liberty Hill,.....				1			21	25								
Macedonia,.....							33		1 35							
Mt. Ruhama,.....							1 11									
Mt. Zion,.....	23	2	1	5	10		1 71	1 50	10 00	2 35	2 00		2 00	2 00		
Mountain Grove,....							20	50								
Providence 1,.....				1	3		61	85	4 45							
Providence 2,.....	7	7		13	1		50	1 40	2 00							
Salem,.....	21	5	2	3		3	85	60	2 20	1 60		60 00				
Thessalonica,.....	1	1		6			53	50	4 75	3 25	3 00					4 10
Total,.....	$1 00	32	11	42	26	13	$9 90	$11 75	$54 52	$17 45	$16 22	$110	$50 20	$ 2 00	$ 1 29	$ 4 10
Collections,.....										$25 28	$ 5 65					

G. I. Paysour,
D. F. Abernathy,
J. A. Willkie. } Committee.

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THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH FORK

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

SALEM CHURCH, LINCOLN COUNTY, N. C.,

October 12th, 13th and 14th, 1882.

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J. L. WILKIE, W. W. BRIDGES,
D. A. WHISNANT.

Auxiliary Committee.

Bruington.....J. W. Hansell.
Ezra Mull's Chapel.....P. M. Mull.
Hickory.....B. F. Whitesides.
Hickory Grove.....W. H. Cherry.
Kid's Chapel.....A. S. Whitener.
Lincolnton.....C. E. Childs.
Liberty Hill.....D. Carpenter.
Macedonia.....W. A. Keener.
Mt. Ruhama.....Levi Caldwell.
Mt. Zion.....R. Hansell.
Mt. Grove.....D. A. Whisnant.
Providence First.....J. Danner.
Providence Second.....Miles Huffman.
Salem.....A. G. Harral.
Thessalonica.....C. Canipe.
Sandy Plains.....E. L. Smith.
Newton.....W. W. Bridges.

PROCEEDINGS.

LINCOLN COUNTY, N. C.,
Thursday, October 12th, 1882.

The South Fork Association convened in its third session to-day with Salem church. Spent half an hour in devotional exercises, after which the introductory sermon was preached by A. J. Faulkner. Text—Jude 1: 3.

A recess was taken till the afternoon, after which the Moderator called the body to order. Prayer by O. F. Gregory. The Moderator then proceeded to appoint the Finance Committee, to-wit: W. H. Cherry, Calvin Baker and E. M. Smith.

Reading Clerks were appointed, to-wit: Elder J. K. Faulkner and Bro. Charles Childs.

Letters from the churches were then presented and the names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

BRUINGTON—Elder T. W. Upton and W. W. Hansil.
EZRA MULL'S CHAPEL—Bro. P. M. Mull.
HICKORY—Represented by letter.
HICKORY GROVE—Elder James Broomfield, R. H. Abernethy, W. H. Cherry, R. B. Stone, Robt. Finison, S. I. Scidmore and Chas. Jenkins.
LINCOLN—Bro. J. L. Wilkie and E. M. Cobell.
LIBERTY HILL—Not represented.
KID'S CHAPEL—Bro. W. A. Graham and S. A. Whitner.
LOWESVILLE—Not represented.
MACEDONIA—Bro. A. Goodson, I. Burke and J. P. Mullin.
MOUNTAIN GROVE—D. A. Whisenant and Calvin Baker.
MT. REUHAMER—Bro. L. J. Caldwell and L. S. Caldwell.
MT. ZION—Elder J. F. Morris, B Stroup, L. A. Abernethy, John Cronister, Augustus Stroup and E. Senter.
PROVIDENCE FIRST—Elder G. J. Wilkie.
PROVIDENCE SECOND—Bro. Miles Huffman.
SALEM—Elder J. A. Huggins, A. G. Harrall and G. I. Paysour.
SANDY PLAINS—Bro. J. L. Smith and E. M. Smith.
THESSALONICA—Bro. Eli Johnson.
NEWTON—Elder J. K. Faulkner and W. W. Bridges.

Sandy Plains and Newton were received into the Association, Sandy Plains being from the Yorkville Association and Newton church being recently established.

The Association then proceeded to permanently organize by electing Bro. W. A. Graham Moderator, and Bro. P. M. Mull, Clerk.

The Moderator announced the various committees, whose names will appear with their reports, and also called for visitors and correspondents.

Elder O. F. Gregory was received as correspondent of the South Yadkin Association and as Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Elders W. A. Nelson, and P. R. Elam, from the King's Mountain Association, were welcomed to seats in the body.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 13th, 1882.

Re-assembled. Prayer by G. J. Wilkie.

The report of the Committee on Periodicals was submitted as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report as follows: In order that our people may be thoroughly informed in regard to the labors of our ministers and the condition of our churches, we recommend to all our members the BIBLICAL RECORDER as the organ of the Baptists in North Carolina. We would also recommend to our Sabbath school superintendents, teachers and pupils the Sabbath school paper called KIND WORDS. We would also urge upon our people the propriety of keeping posted in regard to the missionary work of our beloved Zion, and for this purpose we recommend the FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HUGGINS,
A. P. ARNEY,
J. M. ARNOLDS.

Remarks by Elders Gregory, Nelson, Broomfield, Upton, Morris and Bro. W. A. Graham and report adopted.

The report on Sabbath Schools was submitted, as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath presents a subject of peculiar importance, whether considered from the creation or the resurrection of our Saviour, which constitutes the Christian Sabbath. We find from the Acts of the Apostles that the disciples met on this day every week for the purpose of divine service. We think that every church ought, so far as practicable, to meet on that day for divine service. The term school signifies an institution of instruction, and when applied to the Sabbath would imply a Christian instruction, relative to God's Word, the Christian faith, &c. We think when the church with the children, youth, members, parents and all meet together for the purpose of giving instruction relative to the salva-

tion of mankind through Jesus Christ, the assistance that such a course would give to the preaching of the Gospel cannot be told. The tender and helpless infant and youth may here receive instruction mentally, morally and biblically, that could not be obtained at home at all times.

Respectfully submitted, G. I. WILKIE,
C. CENTER,
C. C. JENKINS.

Remarks were made by Elder Upton, Dr. Nelson, O. F. Gregory, J. K. Faulkner, Bro. Bridges and P. M. Mull. The report was adopted.

A sermon was then preached by O. F. Gregory from John 16: 32.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled and after prayer the Moderator appointed Elder J. K. Faulkner, J. R. Jones, J. F. Morris and Bro. W. W. Bridges as delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

The following report on Temperance was submitted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is, without doubt, the most destructive evil, morally and socially, that curses the world, and the churches should adopt some plan to do away with the miserable curse.

Respectfully submitted, T. W. UPTON,
A. G. HARRALL,
J. L. SMITH.

Remarks by Elder T. W. Upton and Bro. B. Stroup. Report adopted.

A collection was taken up for the Charlotte church by O. F. Gregory, amounting to $5.30.

The report on Education was submitted, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

If your committee had but one argument to urge in the interest of individual education, it would be that of necessity. No young man or woman, apart from parental solicitude, can afford to be without an education. We must educate or perish by our own exertions is now as true and more true of the individual than of his nation.

Between religion and education there are such interesting relations as to make it best for our children to be educated by our own people in the furtherance of that faith once delivered to the saints. We have schools, male and female, of high order, in different portions of our State, taught by our brethren and conducted as individual enterprises. These are

worthy of our patronage and support. Under the auspices of the denomination, we have the Chowan Female Institute, at Murfreesboro, of long standing and success.

We hail as just chartered, and located in our midst, the Shelby Baptist Female College, with Rev. R. D. Mallary and six competent assistants, comprising as able a corps of instructors as can be found in the South.

Our College at Wake Forest has commenced another session with one hundred and fifty students. Of these, thirty-eight are looking to the preaching of the Gospel as their life-work. Twenty-three of this number are under the patronage of the Education Board of the Baptist State Convention. The Board is dependent upon the churches, through their membership, for the entire support of these young brethren while at the College. The Secretary of the Board informs us that we shall need about three hundred dollars per month in order to pay promptly the board bills and other necessary expenses.

There are six of our young preachers at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

With such a promise, the Baptists of the State may take great encouragement and the people rejoice in a supply of laborers for the great harvest of our Lord. Respectfully submitted.

J. K. FAULKNER,
WM. JOHNSTON,
J. CRONISTER,
Committee.

Remarks were made by Elder J. K. Faulkner, Dr. Nelson, O. F. Gregory and Bro. W. A. Graham, after which the report was adopted.

Pledges were made for Ministerial Education, as follows:

Newton	$2 50	Sandy Plains	$2 50
Kid's Chapel	5 00	Mountain Grove	2 00
Providence Second	2 50	Mt. Zion	2 50
Lincoln	2 50	Mt. Ruhama	1 00
Ezra Mull's Chapel	2 50	Salem	2 50
Hickory Grove	2 50		
Bruington	1 00		$30 00
Macedonia	1 00		

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow at 9½ a. m.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 14th, 1882.

The Association re-assembled and after prayer a report on Associational Missions was submitted, as follows:

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Associational Missions beg leave to report the following: Do we need Associational Missions? Is there a destitution of

Baptist preaching in our Association? If so, our question is answered in the affirmative, and our first and strongest efforts should be given to supply that destitution. The work of the first disciples was to begin at Jerusalem and extend to all the world. While our strongest efforts should be given to Associational Missions it furnishes no excuse for our not aiding in all other missionary enterprises fostered by our denomination, and we should do so to the utmost of our ability. While this year's work is not what we hoped for, it is enough in excess of past years to encourage and stimulate us to greater activity, and we hope that each and every brother and sister in this Association will feel that they have a personal interest in this part of the Master's work and aid it by giving to it their prayers, influence and means.

J. F. MORRIS,
D. A. WHISNANT,
W. W. HANSEL,
Committee.

Remarks were made by Elder J. F. Morris, O. F. Gregory, T. W. Upton and P. M. Mull, after which the report was adopted.

A letter from Hickory church was presented, read and received. Also a letter from Thessalonica was read and received.

The report on Foreign Missions was submitted and read by Elder O. F. Gregory, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The cause of Foreign Missions is the cause of Jesus Christ. As Baptists we boast of our close adherence to the Word of God, and that Word commands us to give the Gospel to the whole world. In China, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico our 63 missionaries are doing a grand work for Jesus Christ, and sin lieth at our door if we neglect to give of our means to their support. There has been shameful and criminal neglect on the part of our pastors and churches towards this great work. Of the 10 letters read in this Association, only 6 report contributions for this object. Over one-half of the churches of North Carolina last year gave nothing to Foreign Missions. Let us pray and work for a revival of this interest in our churches. Your committee recommend:

1. That one brother be appointed in each church to arouse interest in Foreign Missions.
2. That the pastors be requested, at least once a year, to preach on this subject and to take a collection for the same.
3. That a monthly concert of prayer for Missions be held in our churches.
4. That the formation of Woman's Missionary Societies be urged in every church.

Respectfully submitted,

O. F. GREGORY,
B. STROUP,
R. B. STONE.

Remarks by Elder O. F. Gregory, Dr. Nelson and Bro. W. A. Graham. The report was adopted.

A collection was then taken up for Foreign Missions, amounting to $10.

The report on State Missions was submitted, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

It is gratifying to mark the increased interest in our State Mission work. In the last five years the number of missionaries has been a gain of more than five fold. A large number of meeting-houses have been built in neighborhoods that had been neglected; scores of Sunday Schools have been organized and hundreds of souls have been converted and baptized and many churches constituted under the labors of our missionaries. The Board has now 38 missionaries in the field—a larger number than ever before. This is a just cause for gratitude to God, and ought to cheer the hearts of all His people to still greater efforts. The cause of missions is the cause of God, and is left to us to carry forward for Christ. Our churches are in the habit of sending their contributions for the whole year up to the Association. This is not the best way. A collection for missions should be raised at least every three months—four times a year—and forwarded at once to Bro. B. F. Montague, Raleigh, and not wait for the meeting of the Association. Brethren, the demand is urgent—the work is glorious. "He that knoweth his Master's will and doeth it not shall be beaten with many stripes."

Remarks by Bro. W. A. Graham and Elder J. K. Faulkner. The report was adopted.

On motion, adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled and, after prayer, a collection and pledges were taken up for State Missions. Collection, fifty cents; pledges twenty dollars.

The Finance Committee reported $15.85 for minutes. A collection was then taken up to raise more money for printing the minutes amounting to $4.30.

A balance of fifteen dollars being left in the hands of the Missionary Board, was ordered to be given to Star Town church to aid in completing said church.

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches of the Association the appointment of a committee of females for each church, to assist in collecting money for Associational Missions.

A collection was taken up for Lincoln church, amounting to $7.15.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee respectfully report: During this year we have continued Elder J. R. Jones, at Star Town. A house of worship

is being erected here and we commend it to your liberality. Bro. Jones' salary, $25. Elder J. K. Faulkner has preached for ten months in Catawba county between the Western North Carolina Railroad and the river. We doubt the propriety of longer continuing this appointment unless we could build a house of worship. Salary, $125. We especially recommend to your attention the church building in Lincolnton and urge the Association to aid in its early completion. There are inviting fields to labor for the Master in our bounds, but we must have contributions to support those who may be sent to labor therein.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Money received and disbursed by the Executive Committee :

FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Amount on hand from last year	$ 7 12
Bruington	3 29
Ezra Mull's Chapel	5 00
Hickory	18 25
Hickory Grove	13 65
Kid's Chapel	13 71
Lincolnton	20 00
Macedonia	1 70
Mt. Zion	21 89
Mountain Grove	8 00
Newton	3 00
Providence First	1 50
Providence Second	8 00
Salem	5 70
Sandy Plains	13 00
Thessalonica	22 00
	$166 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

Elder J. K. Faulkner, ten months' services	$125 00
" J. R. Jones, one year at station	25 00
Star Town Church	15 51
Minute Book	50
	$166 01

FOR STATE MISSIONS.

Sent up to Association	$ 8 00
Collection at Providence Second Union	4 93
" " Mt. Ruhama	3 15
" " Association	24 25
	$40 33
Paid to B. F. Montague, Treasurer N. C. B. Convention	24 25

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Sent to Association	$ 4 12
Collection at Association	10 00
	$14 12
Paid Rev. O. F. Gregory	14 12

The Committee on Time and Place for the next Association report: To be held with Mt. Zion church on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1883.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

CHURCHES.	Associational Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Sunday School Board.	Educational.	Minutes.
Bruington	$ 2 54	$0 75	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ 70
Ezra Mull's Chapel	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Hickory	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Hickory Grove	9 60	.....	1 12	.....	.....	.....	1 60
Kid's Chapel	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Lincolnton	10 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Macedonia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Mt. Ruhama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Mt. Zion	13 58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 45
Mountain Grove	.....	1 25	1 00	.....	.....	.....	60
Newton	3 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Providence Second	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Salem	5 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90
Sandy Plains	4 60	4 00	.....	3 60	.....	.....	2 00
Thessalonica	17 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85
	$97 52	$8 00	$4 12	$4 60	$1 00	$1 00	$14 25

W. H. CHERRY,
E. M. SMITH,
C. BAKER,
Finance Committee.

On Sunday a collection was taken up for State Missions amounting to $24 25.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Minutes.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Education.	Home Missions.	Incidental Expenses.	Sunday School Board.
Bruington	...	.....	1	3	..	1	29	$ 70	$ 3 29	$ 75	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....
Ezra Mull's Chapel	14	.....	1	.....	...	...	46	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Hickory	...	4	...	2	1	...	35	75	16 00	2 50	2 00	.....	.....	5 50	1 50	.....
Hickory Grove	60	6	3	1	2	1	164	1 60	13 65	6 00	1 12	.....	.....	.....	4 05	.....
Kidd's Chapel	...	.....	...	1	6	1	116	2 00	13 71	3 55	3 51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincolnton	...	.....	...	20	...	1	36	1 50	20 00	2 75	1 00	30 65	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lowesville, (last report)	...	.....	...	.....	1	...	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty Hill, " "	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia	5	1	...	.....	...	2	56	50	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Ruhama	...	.....	1	.....	...	...	115	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....
Mt. Zion	3	.....	...	3	2	3	159	1 45	25 00	2 60	.....	.....	.....	1 65	.....	.....
Mountain Grove	...	2	...	.....	...	...	22	60	5 00	1 25	1 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newton	...	2	...	.....	..	...	14	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 10	40 00	1 00	1 00	20 00	1 00
Providence, (last report)	...	.....	...	1	3	...	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence Second	2	.....	...	1	1	...	50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem	..	1	...	2	1	2	81	90	5 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandy Plains	12	.....	...	1	2	3	124	2 00	10 20	4 00	.....	.....	.....	3 60	4 50	.....
Thessalonica	...	.....	..	1	...	1	50	85	17 50	2 50	2 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	96	16	6	36	19	15	1177	$15 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1 00

Churches, Sabbath of Preaching, Pastors and Clerks and their Post Offices.

CHURCHES.	Sabbath of Preaching.	PASTOR AND HIS POST OFFICE.	CLERK AND HIS POST OFFICE.
Bruington	3d	G. M. Webb	T. W. Upton, Stanly Creek, N. C.
Ezra Mull's Chapel	3d	G. J. Wilkie	M. F. Hull, Mull's Grove, N. C.
Hickory	4th	J. R. Jones, Hickory	R. L. White, Hickory, N. C.
Hickory Grove	.....	J. F. Morris, Stanly Creek.	J. M. Holobaugh, Hickory Grove, N. C.
Kid's Chapel	4th	J. K. Faulkner, Newton	W. A. Graham, Macphela, N. C.
Lincolnton	.....	.....	C. E Childs, Lincolnton, N. C.
Mountain Grove	1st	J. P. Styers, Hickory	D. A. Whisnant, Hickory, N. C.
Mt. Zion	.....	J. F. Morris, Stanly Creek.	D. A. Abernethy, Stanly Creek, N. C.
Macedonia	3d	J. F. Morris, Stanly Creek.	W. C. Mullen, Lincolnton, N. C.
Mt. Ruhama	.....	J. K. Faulkner, Newton	L S. Caldwell, Clinesville, N. C.
Newton	.....	J. K. Faulkner, Newton	W. W. Bridgers, Newton, N. C.
Providence Second	.....	.....	Miles Hoffman.
Sandy Plains	.....	J. F. Morris, Stanly Creek.	J. D. Smith, Bowling Green, S. C.
Salem	4th	R. P. Elam, Lincolnton	A. D. Robinson, Lincolnton, N, C.
Thessalonica	3d	J. R. Jones, Hickory	Mrs. W. L. Killian, Newton, N. C.

Liberty Hill and Lowesville were not represented and Providence First failed to send statistical table.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD:

W. A. GRAHAM, B. STROUP.
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D. A. WHISNANT.

AUXILIARY COMMITTEE:

Bruington, - - - - -	J. W. Hansel.
Ezra Mull's Chapel, - - -	P. M. Mull,
Hickory, - - - - -	B. F. Whitesides.
Hickory Grove, - - - -	W. H. Cherry.
Kid's Chapel, - - - -	A. S. Whitner.
Lincolnton, - - - - -	C. E. Childs.
Liberty Hill, - - - - -	D. Carpenter.
Macedonia, - - - - -	W. A. Keener.
Mt. Rhuhama, - - - -	Levi Caldwell.
Mt. Zion, - - - - -	R. Hansel.
Mt. Grove, - - - - -	D. A. Whisnant.
Providence First, - - - -	J. Danner.
Providence Second, - - - -	Miles Hoffman.
Salem, - - - - -	A. G. Harral.
Thessalonica, - - - -	David Ramsour.
Sandy Plains, - - - -	J. L. Lanier.
Newton, - - - - -	W. W. Bridges.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 1883.

The South Fork Baptist Association met with Mt. Zion Church, in its 5th Annual Session, Thursday October 18th, 1883.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. K. Faulkner. Text: Matt. 3rd chapter, 11th and 12th verses. Recess, one hour. After which the Delegates and Corresponding Messengers re-assembled in the house. Singing and Prayer, Elder J. R. Jones, leading.

The Moderator being absent, Rev. J. K. Faulkner was made Moderator *pro. tem.*

Appointed Revs. J. R. Jones and J. F. Morris to read the Letters from the various Churches. The letters were presented and read, and the names of Delegates enrolled as follows:

LINCOLNTON.—Elder J. K. Faulkner, and Bro. J. L. Wilkie.

BRUINGTON.—Elder T. W. Upton and Bro. John Hansel.

EZRA MULL'S CHAPEL.—P. A. Mull and Elder W. F. Hull.

HICKORY.—T. J. Wiggs and A. L. Ramsour.

HICKORY GROVE.—W. W. Rankin, W. H. Cherry, C. C. Jenkins, and James Cherry, Alternate.

LIBERTY HILL.—Elder Daniel Carpenter.

LOWESVILLE.—W. C. Withers.

KID'S CHAPEL.—D. W. Parker, A. F. Barnett, C. G. Tucker, S. A. Whitner and Daniel Barnett.

MOUNTAIN GROVE.—G. M. Whitner, C. Baker, D. A. Whisenant and C. J. Sigman.

MT. ZION.—Rev. J. F. Morris and Brethren L. A. Abernethy, B. Stroup, W. B. McClure, E. P. Cloninger and John Cronister.

MACEDONIA.—Not represented.

MT. RUHAMA.—Not represented

NEWTON.—W. W. Bridges.

PROVIDENCE FIRST.—Not represented.

PROVIDENCE SECOND.—H. Burnes and Miles Hoffman.

SALEM.—Elder J. A. Huggins and Brethren J. A. Hovis, and M. W. Garrison.

SANDY PLAINS.—E. M. Smith and J. L. Lanier.

THESSALONICA.—Not represented.

HEBRON.—J. L. Grice.

Appointed a Finance Committee as follows:—T. J. Wiggs, J. L. Wilkie and D. A. Whisenant.

The Association then proceeded to organize by electing Rev. J. K. Faulkner, Moderator, and Bro. L. A. Abernethy, Secretary.

The Moderator announced the various Committees whose names and reports will appear in their proper places in the Minutes.

Corresponding Messengers were invited to take seats with the body. Rev. Thomas Carrick represented as Correspondent from Tar River Association, and representing the *Biblical Recorder*, was welcomed a seat with the body.

Upon motion, appointed a Committee on the Religious state of the Churches, to wit: W. W. Bridges, J. F. Morris, J. L. Wilkie, S. A. Whitner, and G. I. Pasour.

On motion, adjourned 'till Friday morning, 9½ o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Singing and Prayer, Rev. Thomas Carrick leading. Called the roll and read proceedings of Thursday.

Hebron Church applied for admission.

Brethren J. R. Jones, J. F. Morris, C. G. Tucker, B. Stroup, and D. H. Parker, were appointed a Committee to examine Hebron Church, and they reported it orthodox. Thereupon Hebron was received into the Association.

The report on Periodicals was submitted. The report was received, and after remarks by Revs. J. R. Jones, Thomas Carrick, and T. W. Upton, it was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported.

The report was received. After remarks were made by Revs. J. R. Jones, and J. F. Morris, the report was deferred until 1 o'clock, for further consideration.

The Committee on Home Missions reported. The report was received and Committee discharged. Remarks by Thomas Carrick, and O. F. Gregory, recognized by the Moderator, as Corresponding Messenger, from the South Yadkin Association, and Vice President of the Foreign Mission Board. A collection for Home Missions was taken up amounting to $4.63, The following Brethren from the various Churches represented, were appointed to bring the subject of Home Missions before the Churches to which they belong, and insist on its being supported: T. W. Upton, W. F. Hull, J. R. Jones, W. H. Cherry, L. T. Wilkie, D. H. Parker, W. C. Withers, G. M. Whitner, B. Stroup, Miles

Hoffman, J. A. Huggins, E. M. Smith, W. W. Bridges, and J. L. Grice. The report was adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools was received. Remarks by Revs. W. F. Hull, T. W. Upton, J. R. Jones, O. F. Gregory, and Thomas Carrick. The report was adopted.

Recess one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body re-assembled. Prayer by Elder J. A. Huggins.

The Report on Foreign Mission, having been deferred to this time, was further considered. After remarks by O. F. Gregory, and J. R. Jones, a collection was taken up, amounting to $3.58, and pledges by the various Churches, $34.00. Individual pledges, for the same object, $13.00. The Report was adopted.

On motion, a committee, to consider the importance of a Union Meeting, was appointed, to-wit: B. Stroup, G. M. Whitner, D. Carpenter, C. G. Tucker, and P. M. Mull.

The report on time and place for the next Association, received and adopted.

Correspondents to the State Convention were called to Report. Rev. J. K. Faulkner stated that he had been to the Convention, and reported favorable. J. R. Jones, J. K. Faulkner, and G. M. Whitner volunteered to attend the next session of the Convention.

The report on Temperance was submitted, and the following Brethren made remarks: P. M. Mull, W. F. Hull, and T. W. Upton. After which the Report was re-committed, and Bro. J. R. Jones, added to the Committee,

On motion, Rev. Thomas Carrick was given an opportunity to represent the Memorial Church, in Greenville, Pitt County. Cash and pledges for the Memorial Church, in Greenville, amounted to $22.35.

On motion, adjourned until Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

Saturday Morning, 9 O'clock.

After Singing and Prayer, by Elder T. W. Upton, the Moderator called the body to order. The roll was called and absentees marked. Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

The Committee on State Missions reported. The Report was received, and remarks made by Bro. Thomas Carrick, J. R. Jones, and others. A collection for the same was taken up, amounting to $8.41. Pledges by the different Churches for State Missions, for 1884, as follows: Bruington, $1; Ezra Mill's Chapel, $2;

Hickory, $5; Hickory Grove, $6; Lincolnton, $5; Liberty Hill, $1; Kidd's Chapel, $10; Macedonia, $1; Mountain Grove, $5; Mt. Ruhama, $1; Mt. Zion $10; Salem, $5; Sandy Plains, $2; Newton, $7; Hebron, $5. The Report was adopted.

The Report on Education, was submitted and received.—Speeches were made by J. K. Faulkner, and J. R. Jones. A collection was then taken up, amounting to $4.75. The Report was ad opted. The Report on Union Meetings submitted and adopted. They recommended a Union Meeting in each end of the Association.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by J. R. Jones.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled. Prayer by Bro. W. A. Graham.

The Committee on Finance reported. Report received and adopted.

The Executive Committee on Associational Missions, submitted their Report, which was received. From the Report it was found that the Association was in debt $43.15. After remarks by Brother W. A. Graham, W. W. Bridges, and others, a collection was taken up, in order to clear the Association of its indebtedness, which amounted to $43.15, which was balance due on the Report. The Report was adopted.

The Report on Temperance was again submitted, and was adopted,

Bro. J. K. Faulkner stated that he had attended King's Mountain, Greenville, and Catawba River Associations. Bro. J. R. Jones reported that he also had attended Catawba River Association.

From the Report of the Finance Committee it was found that the Minute Fund was $16.65. A dollar was received afterwards, which made $17.65.

Pledges for Associational Missions, for 1884, as follows: Bruington, $1.50; Ezra Mull's Chapel, $5; Hickory, $20; Hickory Grove, $15; Kid's Chapel, $15; Lincolnton, $5; Mt. Zion, $20; Mountain Grove, $20; Providence Second, $1; Salem, $5; Sandy Plains, $12; Liberty Hill, $1; Newton, $2.50; Hebron $27.

On motion, the Clerk to receive $3, for his services.,

On motion, a committee on the Religious state of the Churches was appointed, and to report at the next session of the Association. The names of the Committee are, E. M. Smith, L. A. Abernethy, and W. F. Hull.

On Sunday, Rev. J. K. Faulkner preached at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Text: John III, 16, 17. A collection for State Missions was taken up amounting to $6.06.

At 1 o'clock, P. M., a collection for Lincolnton Church was taken up, amounting to $2.75. After which Rev. Thomas Carrick preached. Text: Mark 9. 14, 29.

J. K. FAULKNER, *Moderator.*

L. A. ABERNETHY, *Clerk.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report as follows: We believe that the *Press* is a means by which God has been pleased to bless many precious souls. There is no Minister who has so large a congregation as a well patronized paper. The *Biblical Recorder* gives no uncertain sound, and we recommend it to the patronage of every faithful Baptist, and believe it to be our duty to place it in our families. Every one should know as much as possible the working of our denomination in the State; and there is no means by which we can so well obtain it as from the *Recorder*. If any one wish to take an additional paper, we would recommend the *Examiner*, published by D. R. Bright, New York. We would recommend *Kind Words* to all Sabbath Schools. We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, from which we may gain all necessary information in regard to Foreign Missions.

J. F. MORRIS,
P. M. MULL, } COMMITTEE.
C. J. SIGMAN,

REPORT ON FORFIGN MISSIONS,

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report as follows: According to the limited information which we have on the subject of Foreign Missions, the progress in this department of our work has been truly wonderful. We have abundant reason to be thankful to God for his blessings on our efforts in this direction. The light of the Gospel of Christ is the only and efficient means of elevating and alleviating the condition of the perishing heathen. And whilst we are fostering and cherishing our State and Associational Missions, we should also remember the benighted heathen and contribute of our means as God has blessed us to send them the glorious news of salva-

tion through a crucified Saviour. and together with it all the concomitant blessings of colonization and refinement.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. A. HUGGINS,
T. W. UPTON,
JOHN CRONISTER, } Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home and Indian Mission Board is a part of the work of the Southern Baptist Convention. This Board has, as its object, the preaching of the Gospel in destitute sections of the Southern States, preaching to the Indians, to the Chinese of California, and the preaching of the Gospel in Mexico. This Board has endeavored to do more work this year than ever before, and therefore has been forced to call more loudly than in years passed for aid. This Board asked of North Carolina this year, $5,000.— This amount has been apportioned among the various Associations. The amount apportioned to this Association is $35.00. Let the Churches see to it that this *small* amount be raised by the first of April, 1884,

THOMAS CARRICK,
W. B. McCLURE,
W. W. RANKIN, } Committee.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath is a day that should be religiously observed according to the command of God: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy." There is no better way of keeping the Sabbath holy than meeting at the house of God and engaging in reading His word. We consider this one of the ways of advancing the cause of Christ. The better we know our Master's will, the better we can do it; and we can only know His will by a continued reading, and hearing read, or spoken His word. Whilst preaching is indispensable, and is the grand means by which souls are brought to Christ, we believe that many souls can be reached through the Sabbath School that may not be reached in any other way. Outside of strengthening the faith and knowledge of the older members of Christ, we believe that the faith and hope of young converts will be more readily increased by attending the Sabbath Schools; and young people, who are not Christ's, may receive impressions that will be the means of bringing them to Him. We do, therefore, earnestly suggest that the Churches

take hold of the Sabbath School cause with greater zeal.

L. A. ABERNETHY,
H. PADGETT,
E. M. SMITH,
} COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

The Committee on time and place for the next Association, respectfully submit the following: The next Association to be held with Mountain Grove, six miles S. W. of Hickory, near Baker's Mountain, on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1884, and J. F. Morris to preach the Introductory Sermon, and W. F. Hull, Alternate.

P. M. MULL,
W. W. BRIDGES,
J. L. WILKIE,
} COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance recommend that the resolutions passed by the Association, in 1881, be recorded in the minutes of this Session, as follows:

Resolved. That every Church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in their members the making, selling, or using as a beverage intoxicating drinks, or holding office of Store-keeper or other office in the Liquor department of the Internal Revenue Service, and if, after being admonished by the Church, they refuse to obey, we believe the Church will be justifiable in withdrawing their fellowship from such members as not bearing the Church, but walking in darkness.

Resolved, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such Churches as will not observe these rules.

B. STROUP,
W. F. HULL,
W. H. CHERRY,
J. R. JONES,
} COMMITTEE.

RFPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committtee on State Missions report, that in their opinion, there is no object considered by the Association that has stronger claims upon us than the State Mission Board. The work it is doing all over the State commends it to our prayerful and substantial consideration. Just at this time the Board is in pressing need, and is calling upon us to help that it may not

have to report a debt at the Convention. We therefore recommend that the Churches composing this Association make a vigorous effort at once in behalf of this Board. That the Lord is blessing this work it is evident to every one who has been watching its progress for the past several years.

J. R. JONES,
C. SIGMON,
A. L. RAMSOUR,
} COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Had your Committee but one argument to urge in favor of education, it would be that of individual necessity. No young man or woman in this age of enlightenment and progress can afford to be without an education. We must keep pace with the progress of the age or sink into obscurity and perish for lack of enterprise, is now as true of us as individuals, as of a nation. Between religion and education there is such interesting relations as to make it best for our children to be educated by our own people in the faith and doctrine once delivered to the saints. We have schools, male and female, of high order in our midst, and in different parts of the State, taught by our brethren and conducted as individual enterprises. These are worthy of patronage and support. Under the auspices of the denomination we have the Chowan Female Institute, at Murfresboro, in good standing and success. We also have in our midst the Shelby Baptist Female College, a school of high order, and our College at Wake Forest, has commenced another session, with a large number of students, and bright prospects for the future. Of the students there, a large number are looking to the preaching of the Gospel as their life work. A number of these are under the patronage of the Education Board of the Baptist State Convention. The Board is dependent upon the Churches through their magnificence for the entire support of these young brethren, while at College. The Secretary of the Board informs us that we shall need funds for their support. There are also several young brethren at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Louisville, Ky.

With such flattering prospects before us, we think the Baptist of the State may well take courage, and the people rejoice at the prospects of a supply of laborers for the great harvest of the Lord.

T. J. WIGGS,
W. W. BRIDGES,
CALVIN BAKER.
} COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

CHURCHES.	Associational Fund.	State Missions	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Educational Fund.	Minute Fund.	Sunday School Board	Total.
Kid's Chapel,	$5 50				$1 20	$1 70		$8 40
Lincolnton Church,	2 50	$2 50	$2 00	1 00	2 50	1 50		12 00
Mt. Zion,	17 35				2 50	1 90		19 25
Mountain Grove,	6 00	6 00	1 60		1 25	1 50		16 25
Hickory,	7 10					1 35		8 45
Bruington,	1 35	55		50		65		3 05
Ezra Mull's Chapel,				2 50	2 50	70		3 20
Sandy Plains,	4 75		2 50			1 15		8 20
Newton,	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	75		5 75
Hickory Grove,	14 55							14 55
Salem,	3 10				50	1 25		4 85
Hebron,	2 20					80		3 00
Lowesville,				50		50		1 00
Providence Second,					2 50	2 00		4 50
Macedonia,				1 00				1 00
Liberty Hill,						25		25
Mt. Ruhama,				1 50		40		1 90
	$63 40	$10 05	$6 80	$8 00	$13 95	16 65		$105 60

T. J. WIGGS,
J. L. WILKIE,
D. A. WHISENANT, } COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITEE.

We have employed during the year Missionaries, as follows:

Elder J. K. Faulkner, two months, Catawba,	$25 00
" J. R. Jones, at Station,	30 00
" J. F. Morris, Missionary,	100 00
	$155 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Elder J. K. Faulkner, two month's services,	$20 05
" J. R. Jones,	11 70
" J. F. Morris,	75 10
	$106 85
Balance due,	$43 15
Raised by Association,	43 15

Many inviting fields are open for occupation, but the Association must furnish the means to support the Missionary, or we can do nothing. Respectfully Submitted,

Committee:—W. A. GRAHAM, B. STROUP, W. W. BRIDGES, D. A. WHISENANT, J. L. WILKIE.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptised,	Received by Letter,	Restored,	Dismissed by Letter,	Excluded,	Dead,	Total,	Minutes,	Associational Missions,	State Missions,	Foreign Mis.	Pastor's Salary	Education,	Home Missions	Incidental Expenses,	S.School Board	Orphan Asylum,
Bruington, -	2			3	1	1	27	65	1 35	55				50			
Ezra Mull's Chapel -	6			5		1	46	70					2 50	2 50			5 21
Hickory, -	7	5		2		1	43	35	11 70	7 35	3 45	90 00		556	161 15		8 27
Hickory Grove, -	14	1		8		2	160		14 55	6 00	2 50				133 85		
Hebron, -		5					17	80	8 30								
Kid's Chapel, -	1						115	70	10 00	4 25	6 10	150 00	6 20		97 50		
Lincolnton, -	4			3		9	26	50	6 50	10 55	4 20	70 00		1 00	353 98		
Lowesville, -							6	50						50			
Liberty Hill, -							20	25									
Macedonia, (last report,)	5	1				2	56	40					1 00				
Mt. Ruhama, (last report,)				1			115										
Mt. Zion, -	18	4		2		2	170	90	22 35				2 50				
Mountain Grove, -	25	6				1	52	50	10 30	7 50	1 50		1 25	50	347 00		
Newton, -		2		2			14	75	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00			
Providence First, (last report,)				1		3	61						2 50				
Providence Second, -	8	1		1		1	61	2 00					2 50				
Salem, -	18	4		3		1	75	25	3 10				2 50				
Sandy Plains, -	10	1				3	143	15	15 25	2 00	2 30		2 50	6 00	18 55		
Thessalonica, (last report,)				1		1	50										

CHURCHES, SABBATH OF PREACHING, PASTORS AND CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	Sabbath of Preaching	*Pastor and his Post Office.*	*Clerk and his Post Office.*
Bruington,	2nd	J. M. Morris, Stanley Creek, N. C.	T. W. Upton, Stanley Creek, N. C.
Ezra Mull's Chapel,	3rd	W. F. Hull, Mull's Grove, "	M. F. Hull, Mull's Grove, "
Hickory,		J. R. Jones, Hickory, "	R. L. White, Hickory, "
Hickory Grove,	2nd	J. F. Morris, Stanley Creek, "	J. M. Holabaugh, Mt. Holly, "
Hebron,		Do. Do. Do. "	John Grice, Mountain Island, "
Lincolnton,	2rd	J. K. Faulkner, Lincolnton, "	J. L. Wilkie, Lincolnton, "
Lowesville,			W. C. Withers, Lowesville, "
Liberty Hill,	2nd	Noah Moss,	
Macedonia, (no letter,)			
Mt. Ruhama, (no letter,)			
Mt. Zion,	3rd	J. F. Morris, Stanley Creek, N. C.	D. F. Abernethy, Stanley Creek, "
Mountain Grove,	1st	~~J. P. Styers~~, Beam's Mills, "	D. A. Whisnant,
Newton,		J. K. Faulkner, Lincolnton "	W. W. Bridges, Newton,
Providence First, (no letter,)			
Providence Second,		~~P. R. Elam~~,	Miles Hoffman,
Salem,		J. F. Morris, Stanley N. C.	A. D. Robinson, Lincolnton, N. C.
Sandy Plains,			J. D. Smith, Bowling Green, S. C.
Thessalonica, (no letter,)			
Kid's Chapel,		J. K. Faulkner, Lincolnton, N. C.	W. A. Graham, Machpelah, N. C.

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MINUTES

——OF THE——

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

——OF THE——

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

——HELD WITH——

Mountain Grove Church,

CATAWBA COUNTY, N. C.,

October 16th, 17th and 18th, 1884.

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 16th, 1884.

The South Fork Baptist Association met with Mountain Grove Church, in its sixth annual session, Thursday, Oct. 16th, 1884.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. F. Morris. Text: II Cor., 5th chapter and 15th verse. Recess one hour, after which the Delegates and Corresponding Messengers were assembled in the house Singing and prayer, Eld. W. A. Williams leading.

Bro. Abernethy, the former Clerk, being absent, W. W. Bridges was appointed Clerk *pro tem.* Appointed Bro. J. C. Murchison and W. J. A. Williams Reading Clerks.

The letters and names were then presented, and the names of delegates were enrolled as follows:

Bruington.—J. W. Upton and J. W. Hansel.

Ezra—Mull's Chapel.—Elder W. F. Hull, P. M. Mull, W. B. Mull and John Oaks.

Hebron.—Elder J. A. Williams, J. C. Fight, J. R. Underwood and F. T. Bettie.

Hickory.—T. J. Wiggs and D. F. Whitesides.

Hickory Grove.—Eld. James Broomfield, W. W. Rankin, G. C. Rhyne, M. L. Clemmer, J. M. Skidmore, S. J. Skidmore, R. B. Stone, Robt. Finson, James Cherry.

Kid's Chapel.—C. G. Tucker, A. S. Whitener.

Lincolnton.—Elder J. K. Faulkner, E. H. Cauble.

Liberty Hill.—Not represented.

Macedonia.—J. P. Mullen, M. C. Lane and Johnston Burke.

Mountain Grove.—G. M. Whitener, Calvin Baker, J. L. Ballard.

Mt. Rhuhama.—Represented only by letter.

Mt. Zion.—Elder J. F. Morris, B. Stroup, A. Stroup, E. H. Abernethy.

Newton.—W. W. Bridges, D. P. Bridges.

Providence, First.—J. A. Wilkie.

Providence, Second.—Jacob Deitz, Hosie Burns, Samuel Whisnant.

Salem.—G. I. Paisour, A. D. Robinson.

Sandy Plains.—E. M. Smith, Wm. Clemmer.

Thesolonica.—I. P. Bangle, Eli Johnson.

On motion, an invitation was given to Churches to become members of this body.

Link's Chapel, a newly-constituted church, presented a letter and delegates, asking to be admitted. The Moderator appointed a committee to examine the faith of said church. The committee appointed reported that they were of like faith and order, when, on

motion, it was received, with the following delegates: J. Morrison, C. N. Welch.

Received Warlick's Chapel, by letter, from the Catawba River Association, and the following delegates: J. S. Sides, Eli Taylor, G. W. Honk and L. Warlick.

Appointed a Finance committee, as follows: Augustus Stroup, T. J. Wiggs and G. I. Paisour.

The Association then proceeded to organize, by electing Elder J. F. Morris Moderator, and Bro. W. W. Bridges Secretary.

The Moderator announced the various committees, whose names and reports will appear in their proper place in the Minutes

Corresponding Messengers were invited to seats with the body. Eld. C. M. Murchison, from Sandy Creek Association, and representative of the *Biblical Recorder*. Elder J. A. Hoyle, from King's Mountain Association. Both were made welcome to seats in the body.

The Moderator appointed the Deacons of Mountain Grove Church as a committee on Religious Exercises.

On motion, adjourned until Friday morning at 9 o'clock A. M.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 16th, 9 o'clock A. M.

Religious services by Rev. J. A. Hoyle.

Called roll of delegates and read the proceedings of Thursday, which were adopted.

The letter and request from Sandy Plains, asking this body to meet with its next session, which was tabled Thursday, was taken up and referred to the committee on Time and Place.

Then, on motion, appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to wit: Elder J. K. Faulkner and Revs. J. A. Williams, James Broomfield, Elder J. F. Morris, Brethren W. A. Graham, D. F. Whitesides, G. M. Whitener, G. C. Rhyne, G. I. Paisour, T. J. Wiggs.

Moved and carried to apply the collection on the Sabbath to Associational Missions.

Report on Foreign Missions submitted.

Discussions by Elder J. A. Hoyle, J. K. Faulkner and C. M. Murchison. Report adopted.

Report on Temperance submitted.

Remarks by Elders James Broomfield, J. K. Faulkner, J. A. Williams and Abernethy, Brethren P. M. Mull and W. W. Bridges. Report adopted.

Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Williams. Then extended the invitation to visiting ministers, and received Eld. J. R. Annas, from Catawba River Association.

Moved to hear from Corresponding Messengers that had attended other Associations, when Eld. J. K. Faulkner and others were heard from. Report favorable.

On motion, State Missions was set as a special object for Saturday at 10 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned until Saturday at 9 o'clock.

Saturday, Morning, 9 o'clock.

Singing and prayer by Rev. W. F Hull.

The Moderator called the body to order. Then the roll was called and absentees marked. Minutes of Friday read and approved.

Then appointed a committee on Associational Missions, whose names will appear with their report.

Report on State Missions was submitted. Remarks by Bro. Jno. E. Ray and Eld. J. K. Faulkner. Report adopted.

A collection in cash was taken up amounting to $15.55, and pledges to the amount of $108.50 from the Churches for the year 1885.

Report on Education submitted, and remarks by Rev. C. M. Murchison, J. A. Williams, J. K. Faulkner and Bro. Jno. E. Ray. Report adopted.

Took up collection amounting to $6.00.

Recess for one hour for refreshments.

Afternoon Session.

Singing, prayer by Rev. J. R. Annas.

Bro. J. A. Wilkie was asked to be seated in the body from Providence First without a letter from the church, and was received.

Then a motion to divide this Association into two union meeting districts, and appointed the following as a committee to consider the same: J. R. Underwood, L. Warlick and C. J. Tucker.

Macedonia and Kid's Chapel delegates asked leave of absence, which was granted.

Report on time and place for the next meeting of this body, submitted and adopted, that the next meeting of this body should be held with Sandy Plains Church, six miles south of Gastonia, Gaston County, N. C., on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1885.

Report on Associational Missions submitted. Remarks by Rev. J. K. Faulkner, Rev. J. A. Williams and Bro. Jno. E. Ray. Report adopted.

Pledges were taken from the churches amounting to $131.50, for the year 1885.

The Report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

A resolution was offered urging the churches of this Association to double their pledges, if possible, during the next year.

The report of the committee on the division of this Association into two Union Meeting Districts, was submitted and adopted.

Resolved, That this Association return their thanks to the brethren and sisters of Mountain Grove Church and the friends in the neighborhood, for their generous hospitality extended to the Delegates of this body.

The motion to refer the subject of the Baptist Orphan Asylum to the Baptist State Convention, was carried.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have as many Minutes printed as the funds contributed would admit of, (after $4.00 be retained by him for his services,) and distribute the same among those entitled to them.

After singing, prayer, and shaking of hands, the Moderator pronounced the benediction, when all adjourned until Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

Met in Sunday-School Mass-Meeting.

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Williams, and speeches by Revs. J. A. Williams, James Broomfield, W. F. Hull, J. R. Annas and J. K. Faulkner.

Preaching at 11 A. M. by Rev. J. K. Faulkner. Text: Matt. 24th chapter and 35th verse.

Then took up a collection for Associational Missions amounting to $7.67.

Recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON.—Preaching by Elder J. F. Morris. Text: Luke 15th chapter. Congregation large and attentive.

J. F. MORRIS, *Moderator.*

W. W. BRIDGES, *Clerk.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report as follows: According to the limited information that we have on the subject of Foreign Missions, the progress in the department of our work has been truly wonderful. We have great reasons to be thankful to our Heavenly Father for His blessings which He has bestowed upon us, by giving us the Bible, in which we may find and eat the bread of life, which God made for all mankind. While we are feasting and cherishing our State and Associational Missions, we should remember the poor heathen, and give of our means as God gave to us. We should ever be ready to do for the Master, and to advance the cause of our blessed Redeemer.

J. A. HOYLE,
W. W. RANKIN,
BARTLETT STROUP, } Committee.

Report on Temperance.

Your committee on Temperance recommend that the resolution passed by the Association last year, be strictly carried out. We believe it the duty of every Christian to promote the cause of Temperance to the fullest of his ability.

Jas. Broomfield,
G. M. Whitener,
J. R. Underwood,
} Committee.

Report on State Missions.

Your committee on State Missions refer with pleasure to the fact that there are greater labors going on this year than ever before. The Missionaries are occupying positions both in towns and in the country. Their labors have been attended with the most pleasing results. Houses of worship have been commenced or finished, Churches have been organized, and many precious souls have been converted and baptized. There has been a lack during the past year of liberality extended to this work by the Churches. We would commend it to the pastors within our bounds, and urge that they bring it before their churches, at least every three months in the year, and ask for contributions to carry on this great work.

J. K. Faulkner,
W. F. Hull,
J. A. Williams,
} Committee.

Report on Education.

Believing that no government, priest or preacher has the right to dictate to any man what shall be his religion, but that each human being shall read the Word of God for himself, believe for himself, be baptized for himself, and judge for himself, (for at the final day of accounts he will have to answer for himself,) therefore it is our duty as Baptists to do all we can to advocate the cause. We, as Baptists, should be the untiring advocates and supporters of education. For how can porsons proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ without an education? Brethren, if you wish your children to have an interest in our work, as a denomination, in the salvation of souls, and in the extension of the Messiah's Kingdom, give them a liberal education, enlarge and expand their minds with knowledge, and you have used the most efficient means for the same. If you have fifty dollars to bequeath to your child, do not put it in his pocket, but put it in his head. We recommend that this Association endeavor to aid in the support of those young brethren that are preparing for the ministry. We also recommend that more attention be given to the education of children in our own families.

C. M. Murchison,
J. A. Hansel,
E. Smith,
} Committee.

Report on Sabbath-Schools.

In the letters received from the Churches, there is silence manifested in the Sunday-School work that leads us to fear that the great work is not progressing as its importance demands We would therefore urge more earnestness upon the part of our brethren and churches who have no Sunday-School, to carry on their noble enterprise, and hasten the day when all the churches may report flourishing Sunday-Schools.

G. C. Rhyne,
S. A. Stroup,
E. V. Senter,
} Committee.

Report on Associational Missions.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Associational Missions, beg leave to say that we urge associational missions in general; furthermore, we find that there is a large field in our boundaries unoccupied by the Baptists. Respectfully submitted.

J. A. WILLIAMS,
B. STROUP,
D. A. WHISNANT, } Committee.

Report of Committee to Divide Association.

We beg leave to submit the following report as to the division line of the South Fork Association to have two Union Meetings,—beginning at Beatty's Ford, on the Catawba River, running in via Lincolnton and with the Shelby road to the King's Mountain Association, leaving Lincolnton on the South.

J. R. UNDERWOOD,
L. WARLICK,
C. J. TUCKER, } Committee.

Report on Home Missions.

The Home Mission Board is a part of the work of the Southern Baptist Convention. This has as its object the preaching of the Gospel in distant sections of the Southern States,—preaching to the Indians and Chinese of California and Mexico. This Board is in great need of help, and your committee recommend that the Churches give all the means possible to their support.

J. W. UPTON,
J. MORRISON,
D. A. WHISNANT, } Committee.

Report on Periodicals.

Dear Brethren: We cannot prize our religious papers too highly, since it is through these that we become familiar with each other, and hence that union so essential to the prosperity of one another. The *Biblical Recorder*, being the mouth-piece of our denomination and the great defender of the cause of Christ, should be read by every Baptist in the Association, and we hope all will take it. Where more than one paper can be taken, we recommend the *Religious Herald;* also the *Foreign Mission Journal.*

C. M. MURCHISON,
P. M. MULL,
C. J. SIGMAN, } Committee.

Report of Executive Committee.

We have, during the year, employed Missionaries as follows:

Elder J. F. Morris at Hebron Church, to labor with them during the Associational year at a salary of.....	$75.00
Elder J. K. Faulkner at Startown, salary.....	30.00
Total.....	$105.00
By paid Elder J. F. Morris for preaching in full.....$75.00	
By paid Elder J. K. Faulkner for preaching in full..... 30.00	
Total paid.....$105.00	
To balance on hand.....	$ 9.75

BARTLETT STROUP,
D. A. WHISNANT,
W. W. BRIDGES, } Committee.

Statistical and Financial Table.

CHURCHES.	No. Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	No. Restored.	No. Excluded	No. of Deaths.	Total.	For Minutes.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Education.	Home Missions.	Incidental Expenses.
Bruington				1	2		15	60	$ 1 50	$ 1 00	50			25	
Ezra—Mull's Chapel	2		2		3		38	$ 1 00	2 50	2 00	1 00				
Hickory		16	6				60	1 10	20 00	8 40	5 00	$ 400 00			$ 52 35
Hickory Grove	37	14	2	1	3	2	209	2 00	15 00	2 63	9 20			$ 8 03	
Hebron	25	10					53	1 35		5 00	2 00			2 00	
Kid's Chapel	2	1	3			1	113	1 20	15 95	11 00	2 10		$3 60		
Lincolnton							28	1 50	5 00	12 05	6 00	50 00	6 00	1 75	
Lowesville															
Liberty Hill															
Link's Chapel	8	27	2				35	50		24 10		74 50			
Macedonia	35	6		1			95	90	2 00	1 40		50 00			
Mt. Rhuhama	33		3	13		1	125	65						40	
Mt. Zion							182	1 50		6 05				5 00	17 45
Mountain Grove	2	6	1		2		56	1 50	20 00	5 00		100 00		5 00	15 00
Newton		3	1				15	50	1 00	7 00	1 20				
Providence First								50							
Providence Second	4	7	1				73	1 25	1 00		1 25				
Salem	22	7	15	3	2		112	1 75	3 40	5 00	55	50 00			14 80
Sandy Plains	15		1			2	135	70				70 00			
Thesalonica	2						46	1 00	1 00		1 15	100 00			
Warlick's Chapel	35	4	2		1	3	98	80							
Total	222	101	39	19	13	9	1488	$20 10	$ 88 35	$55 33	$30 05	$ 894 50	$9 60	$ 22 43	$ 99 60

TABLE OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	Sabbaths of pr'ch'g.	PASTORS AND POST-OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES.
Bruington	.....	———, Stanley Creek, N. C.	Rev. T. W. Upton, Stanley Creek, N. C.
Ezra—Mull's Chapel	3	Rev. W. F. Hull, Mull's Grove, "	M. F. Hull, Mull's Grove, "
Hickory	.....	N. B. Cobb, Waynesville, "	R. L. White, Hickory, "
Hickory Grove	.....	J. F. Morris, Stanley Creek, "	John M. Holabaugh, Mount Holly, "
Hebron	.....	" " " "	John Grice, Mountain Island, "
Lincolnton	.....	J. K. Faulkner, Lincolnton, "	L. T. Wilkie, Lincolnton, "
Lowesville	.....	.....	W. C. Withers, Lowesville, "
Liberty Hill	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia	3	J. A. Hoyle, Cherryville, "	J. P. Mullen, Deer, Lincoln county, "
Mt. Rhubama	.....	J. T. Shell.	L. V. Caldwell, Drumsville, "
Mt. Zion	3	J. F. Morris, Stanley Creek, "	D. F. Abernethy, Stanley Creek, "
Mountain Grove	1	C. M. Murchison, Hickory, "	D. A. Whisnant, Hickory, "
Newton	2	J. K. Faulkner, Lincolnton, "	W. W. Bridges, Newton, "
Providence First	.....	.....	.....
Providence Second	.....	J. T. Shell.	Miles Hoffman.
Salem	2	J. A. Hoyle, Cherryville, "	A. G. Harrill, Lincolnton, "
Sandy Plains	4	J. F. Morris, Stanley Creek, "	J. D. Smith, Boiling Spring, S. C.
Thesalonica	.....	J. K. Faulkner, Lincolnton, "	P. W. Bangle, Keeversville, N. C.
Kid's Chapel	3	.....	W. A. Graham, Machpelah, "
Link's Chapel	.....	J. A. Hoyle, Cherryville, "	J. Morrison, Iron Station, "
Warlick's Chapel	.....	C. M. Murchison, Hickory, "	L. Warlick, Hickory, "

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MINUTES

OF THE

Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

SANDY PLAINS CHURCH, GASTON COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 15th, 16th and 17th, 1885.

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Lincolnton,.....E H. Cauble.
Liberty Hill,.....Daniel Carpenter.
Link's Chapel,.....G W. Edwards.
Macedonia,.....T. J. Sanders.
Mt. Ruhamah,.....Joseph Crouse.
Mt Zion,.....J. T. Shelton.
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Warlick's Chapel,.....L. Warlick.
Mulls' Chapel,..... P. M. Mull.

PROCEEDINGS.

SANDY PLAINS, GASTON CO., N. C.,
Thursday, October 15th, 1885.

The South Fork Baptist Association met with the Sandy Plains Church, Gaston county, N. C., in its seventh annual session, Oct. 15th, 1885.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. K. Faulkner; text, Luke 19th chapter, 13th verse.

Recess for one hour, after which the delegates and corresponding messengers re-assembled with singing. Prayer by Rev. N. B. Cobb.

The Moderator announced the body ready for the transaction of business.

Appointed Finance Committee as follows: G. I. Pasour, James Mullen and J. M. Halobaugh.

Revs. J. A. Hoyle and C. M. Murchison were appointed as Reading Clerks.

The roll of churches was called, the letters presented, and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Bruington—Rev. T. W. Upton, J. W. Handsel.
Hickory—Rev. N. B. Cobb, Azor Shell.
Hickory Grove—Rev. Jas. Brumfield, J. M. Halobaugh, W. W. Rankin, G. C. Rhyne, A. P. Erney, J. M. Skidmore, S. J. Skidmore.
Hebron—J. R. Underwood, J. L. Grice.
Kids' Chapel—R. A. Keever, W. A. Graham.
Lincolnton—Rev. J. K. Faulkner, E. H. Cauble.
Liberty Hill—Represented by letter.
Macedonia—James Mullin, T. J. Sanders, D. S. Withers, I. Spargo, N. M. Spargo.
Mountain Grove—Elder C. M. Murchison, D. A. Whisenant, C. P. Whitner.
Mt. Ruhamah—N. M. Sherrill, Joseph Crouse.
Mt. Zion—Rev. J. F. Morris, S. A. Stroup, B. Stroup, W. B. McClure, J. R. Cronister, J. T. Shelton, A. Hovis, W. J. Caldwell.
Newton—W. W. Bridges.
Mull's Chapel—Represented by letter.
Providence 1st—Not represented.
Providence 2nd—Miles Huffman.
Salem—W. T. McCoy, G. I. Pasour, D. F. Clanton, W. L. Garrison, John Harrell.
Sandy Plains—E. M. Smith, J. A. Fetherston, Geo. Clemmer, R. H. Smith, M. C. Groves.
Thesalonica—Not represented.
Warlick's Chapel—A. J. Cook, J. F. Cook.

The Association then organized by electing Bro. W. A. Graham Moderator, and Bro. Azor Shell Clerk.

Corresponding delegates and visiting brethren were invited to seats, whereupon Elder P. R. Elim and J. A. Hoyle, of King's Mountain Association, accepted seats.

Elder N. B. Cobb, by request of Bro. J. E. Ray, represented the State Mission Board, and Elder J. K. Faulkner represented the Home Mission Board.

The different committees were appointed, whose names will appear to their respective reports.

Elder J. F. Morris moved to appoint a Committee on Colportage to solicit funds and secure Bibles and other religious literature to supply the pastors of the Association for distribution in destitute sections.

The chair appointed Elders J. F. Morris, N. B. Cobb and T. W. Upton as committee.

Elder N. B. Cobb moved that the chairmen of the committees on State Missions, Foreign Missions, Periodicals, Ministerial Education, Church Extension, Home and Indian Missions, Temperance and Baptist Orphanage, be appointed at this session of the body to report at the next annual session, and that should they fail to attend, they send their written reports.

The pastor and deacons of Sandy Plains Church were appointed a committee on devotional exercises.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9:30. Prayer by Elder J. K. Faulkner.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 16th, 9:30.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder J. A. Hoyle, after which the Moderator called the body to order, and the roll was called by the Clerk.

On motion, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Elder T. H. Mullinax, from Yorkville Association, South Carolina, Elder C. S. Farris, of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, and Bro. J. C. Frost, from the South Yadkin Association, were recognized and invited to seats.

Delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention as follows: Elders J. K. Faulkner, N. B. Cobb, C. M. Murchison, J. F. Morris, and brethren Azor Shell, G. M. Whitner, A. J. Cook and W. W. Bridges.

By request, a committee was appointed to investigate and report on the action of Hebron Church in regard to Jos. A. Williams. Elder C. M. Murchison, J. F. Morris and Bro. Grice, committee.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was submitted as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The heathen population of the world is set down at eight hundred and fifty-six millions, enough to form an army over twenty abreast twenty-four thousand miles long if placed one yard one behind the other.

To reach this vast heathen population, three hundred millions of whom are women confined to Moslem harems, one-half of the professed christians in America and Europe are contributing absolutely nothing, and nine-tenths of the contributions to Foreign Missions are made by less than one-tenth of the church membership, and they contribute on an average about the seventh part of a cent per day.

There are seventy-five thousand ministers in the United States, or one to about every six hundred inhabitants, while there are only one minister to every five hundred thousand in heathen lands; and yet, *ninety-eight* per cent. of the contribution raised for religious purposes is spent at home, while only *two per cent.* of the same is spent in the Foreign Mission field, notwithstanding the increase in church membership in heathen lands is *thirty times greater* than at home, in proportion to the number of ministers employed, although the tests of discipleship are much more severe.

The whole world is now open for the reception of the gospel. The Bible is printed and circulated in two hundred and fifty languages and dialects, and the number of missionary societies is ten fold what was eighty years ago; the number of converts is nearly fifty fold, and wonderful revivals of religion with pentecostal power have been frequent of late among the heathen.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is prosecuting successful missions in Northern, Central and Southern China, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico.

"In 1884 it had Foreign Missionaries, 50; native assistants, 57; stations, 30; church members, 1.323; baptisms, 203; pupils, 505."

Fifteen missionaries have recently entered for the first time upon their labors in foreign fields. Two young brethren from our own State, D. W. Herring and R. T. Bryan, with their wives, expect to sail for China in November.

The Foreign Mission Board, in order to meet the increase of expenditures caused by the appointment of new missionaries and the opening of new fields, asks of the Baptists of North Carolina this year $8,000.

Last year we contributed only $4,456.71, about four cents per member We ought to more than double our contributions this year.

Last year this Association reported only $30.05 for Foreign Missions. This year we ought to send up not less than one dollar per member.

N. B. Cobb,
N. M. Sherrill,
D. F. Clanton.
Committee.

On motion the report was made special order for 2 o'clock p. m.

The report on Education was submitted, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We have reason to rejoice in the steady growth of interest in general education in North Carolina, and in the improved facilities now offered for the training of our sons and daughters in our own midst. As the Association has no college for the training of young ladies, we would recommend to those who have daughters to educate to send them to Shelby Female College. Bro. R. D. Mallary, President of the college, has a wide reputation as an educator of young ladies.

We also recommend the Female College at Thomasville as in every way worthy of the patronage of North Carolina Baptists. Our college at Wake Forest has just entered its fifty-second session. It is now prepared to do larger and better work than ever before. It is giving aid to a number of young men who are preparing for the ministry.

It is to be hoped that all the churches in this Association will contribute for this work during the Associational year.

J. A. HOYLE,
E. M. CAUBLE,
W. W. RANKIN,
Committee.

The subject was discussed by Elders Hoyle, Murchison, Cobb, Farriss and brethren Graham and Frost. A cash collection was taken for the benefit of the Board this year amounting to $11.00.

The church then pledges $65.00 for the ensuing year, as follows:

Bruington	$1 00	Mount Ruhamah	$5 00
Hebron	5 00	Mount Zion	5 00
Hickory	5 00	Newton	1 00
Hickory Grove	5 00	Providence Second	1 00
Kids' Chapel	7 00	Salem	2 00
Lincolnton	5 00	Sandy Plains	5 00
Macedonia	5 00	Link's Chapel	3 00
Mountain Grove	5 00	Warlick's Chapel	5 00

On motion the report was adopted.

The report on Temperance was submitted, and after remarks by Elder Brumfield was recommitted, and Elder Murchison added to the committee.

The committee on State Missions made the following report:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board has under its supervision and sustenance seventy missionaries. This presents an increase of nine over last

year. Besides these .... ministerial students were employed during a part of the summer and fall.

We pledged our endeavors to raise $6,475, we have up to the last report collected and paid about $2,375, leaving a balance unpaid of $4,200 of which it may be safe to say $1,300 has been since collected. So far all but two of the Associations which have held their sessions have met their pledges.

The reports from our body are that of the $100 pledged, $44 are paid and $56 unpaid. We have in the hands of the Finance Committee $28.35 for this object, leaving $27.65 to be provided for at this meeting.

For our encouragement the following facts are presented: Thirty-nine churches have been constituted, twenty-eight houses of worship erected, and 3,000 conversions reported. "Over fifty town and four hundred country churches owe their existence directly or indirectly to the work of the State Mission Board."

We have in this enough to encourage our continuance and stimulate our efforts in behalf of this Board. Expressions of gratitude are printed in every report of our energetic Secretary, and we are called upon to echo them in every hymn of praise and prayer of thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church.

J. K. Faulkner,
D. S. Withers,
R. A. Keever,
Committee.

On motion, it was made special order for 10:30 a. m. to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned one hour for refreshments.

Afternoon Session.

The body re-assembled with singing and prayer by Elder T. W. Upton.

The Moderator called the house to order, and took up the report on Foreign Missions, which had been made special order for this hour. It was discussed by Elders N. B. Cobb, P. R. Elim, and Bro. W. A. Graham. A collection was taken amounting to $10.41, and the churches then made the following pledges, amounting to $69.50.

Bruington	50	Mt. Ruhamah	$ 5.00
Hebron	$ 5.00	Mt. Zion	5.00
Hickory	10 00	Newton	1.00
Hickory Grove	5.00	Providence 2nd	1.00
Kids' Chapel	9.00	Salem	5.00
Lincolnton	5.00	Sandy Plains	5.00
Macedonia	3.00	Link's Chapel	2.00
Mountain Grove	5.00	Warlick's Chapel	5.00

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

Balance for Associational Missions from last year, $9.75; and $96.18 sent up to this meeting for that purpose, making a total of $105.93; for State Missions, $29.35; Foreign Missions, $20.90, and cash collection $10.41, making $41.31 for Foreign Missions; Home Missions, $12.80; Educational Board, $5.85, with $11.00 amount of collection, making $16.85; Minute Fund, $24.40; total for all purposes, $230.64.

JAMES MULLIN,
J. M. HALABOUGH,
G. I. PASOUR,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools was submitted as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It may be a question with some whether the Sunday School is a mere privilege or a duty. With the present available lesson helps the Sunday School should be a power for good in every church, and no church can come up to the full measure of duty and usefulness without a well equipped Sunday School. We are persuaded that wherever it is expedient to organize a church there is some one qualified to conduct the school.

From the reports sent up, there appears to be a great lack of interest in this important work, and the great question is, how can we best enlist and secure the interest and co-operation of the membership of our churches in this important department of church work? The churches of this Association report 1,507 members, and only 614 Sunday School scholars and teachers, less than half of our membership, though there are some churches which have schools, that failed to report them. We hope they will not neglect this in the future. The churches report $56 01 collected and expended in Sunday School work this year.

J. F. MORRIS,
W. W. BRIDGES,
B STROUP,
Committee.

On motion, the report was made special order for Sunday morning.

The Committee on Time and Place submitted the following report:

We recommend that the next meeting of this body be held with Kids' Chapel, Lincoln county, and that Elder N. B. Cobb preach the Introductory Sermon.

D. A. WHISNANT,
R. H. SMITH
E. H. CAUBLE,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The committee to whom the report on Temperance was referred, submitted the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We recommend to the churches of this Association the Bible as the guide for temperance. We would gladly welcome the day when the manufacture of ardent spirits should be prohibited all over the world. The churches should not retain in their fellowship any member who aids in any way the manufacture or sale of brandy or whiskey. We call special attention to the resolution adopted by this body at Mt Zion and printed in connection with the Constitution and Rules of Order of this Association.

Jas. Brumfield,
J. E. Spargo,
J. T. Shelton,
M. C. Murchison,
Committee.

The report was then adopted without further discussion.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elder N. B. Cobb would preach to-night at early candle light.

On motion, adjourned to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Elder Brumfield.

Saturday, 9:30 a. m., October 17, 1885.

Elder C. M. Murchison conducted devotional exercises, after which the Moderator called the house to order.

The Clerk called the names of delegates and noted absentees.

Minutes of yesterday were read, and on motion approved.

The report on State Missions, which had been made special order for this hour, was taken up and read, and discussed by brethren Faulkner, Graham, Brumfield, Farriss and Cobb.

A collection was taken up amounting to $13.40, and pledges were then made by the churches as follows, to the amount of $118.50.

Bruington	$1 50	Mount Ruhamah	$10 00
Hebron	5 00	Mount Zion	10 00
Hickory	10 00	Newton	6 00
Hickory Grove	10 00	Providence 2d, ($4.00 pd)	5 00
Kid's Chapel	15 00	Salem	5 00
Lincolnton	5 00	Sandy Plains	8 00
Macedonia	5 00	Link's Chapel	3 00
Mountain Grove	10 00	Warlick's Chapel	10 00

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Periodicals presented the following report:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

There is no one thing that tells more the character of a community than the literature they use. In this age of advancement the people will have something to read. The country is filled with cheap, degrading and injurious literature, which is offered to the people on every hand. Therefore, in order to counteract this growing evil, we, as Baptists, should offer something that is pleasing, profitable, entertaining and cultivating, also indicative of spiritual growth—this is all embraced in our denominational paper, THE BIBLICAL RECORDER.

For Sunday Schools we have the *Baptist Teacher* and *Kind Words*, for news from the foreign field, *Foreign Mission Journal.*

C. M. MURCHISON,
G. C. RHYNE,
Committee.

Remarks by Elders C. S. Farriss, representing THE RECORDER, James Brumfield and Bro. Graham, after which the report was adopted.

On motion, the report on Home Missions was made special order for 3 o'clock p. m.

Executive Committee were appointed as follows: J. C. Fite, D. A. Whisnant, James Mullen, G. I. Pasour and Miles Huffman.

On motion, W. A. Graham and Azor Shell were added to the committee.

On motion, adjourned 45 minutes for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order, and prayer by Elder Brumfield.

The Committee on Baptist Orphanage presented the following report:

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The care of the poor, the fatherless and the widow are plain Christian duties too much neglected by our churches. It is gratifying to know that the Baptists of this State have at last organized a Baptist Orphanage Association, and are rapidly pushing forward at Thomasville several brick cottages for the accommodation of poor orphans. The manager, Bro. J. H. Mills, reports in the last RECORDER: "If the weather shall remain good the buildings will be pushed rapidly, and we will admit some children in November.

We are very anxious to finish paying for the land; have paid $2,700, and have deeds for the two tracts on which are the building sites. We need only $1,750 to settle the land question forever."

The location of the Orphanage is central, convenient, healthful, beautiful, and in every way desirable. Every church in this Association, and in the State, should be a regular contributor to its support. Bro. Mills informs us that while the Catholics of the United States have 95 orphan homes, the Episcopals 35, the Lutherans 8, and the Jews 8, the Baptists have only 7 for the whole country. People who take the Bible only for their religious guide should make better provision for their poor and friendless.

N. B. Cobb,
Miles Huffman,
John C. Fite,
Committee.

Remarks by Elders N. B. Cobb and C. S. Farriss. No regular collection was taken, but the brethren handed Bro. Cobb $6.40 for the Orphanage, and on motion, it was ordered that two-thirds of the collection on to-morrow be given to the Orphanage and one-third to Home Missions.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Executive Committee made their report as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This Association was organized in 1878, with 704 members. We now number 1,752; baptized this year 270. God has certainly blessed us as instruments in his hands.

Three-fourths of the territory is yet to be occupied. The field seems to be ripe, the laborers can be had. The question for the churches to determine is how much will the Association raise for their support.

During the year we have supplemented pastors salary at Hebron $75.00; supplemented pastors salary at Station, $30.00; total, $105.00; contributions received during the year, $126.52; balanee on hand, $21.52.

W. A. Graham,
J. C. Fite,
G. I. Pasour,
Committee.

Remarks by Bro. W. A. Graham.

Pledges were then made for Associational Missions, as follows:

Bruington	$ 1.50	Mt. Ruhamah	5.00
Hebron	5.00	Mt. Zion	15.00
Hickory	5.00	Newton	---
Hickory Grove	20.00	Providence 2d	3.00
Kids' Chapel	17.00	Salem	5.00
Lincolnton	5.00	Sandy Plains	5.00
Macedonia	5.00	Link's Chapel	2.00
Mountain Grove	5.00	Warlick's Chapel	5.00

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Home Missions presented their report, it having been made special order for this hour.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren:—The Home Mission Board is one of the Boards of our Southern Baptist Convention. Its object is to send the gospel with the living preacher to proclaim it anywhere and everywhere there is destitution. Its work has been confined to the States and territories of the South. It has had during the past year 185 missionaries employed for all or part of their time; has supplied 426 churches and out-stations; reported 2,931 baptisms; received 1,733 by letter, and constituted 53 churches. Its additions aggregate 4,664. Its missionaries now number 185, distributed as follows: Arkansas 21, Florida 34, Indian Territory 21, Louisiana 6, Texas Convention 28, Texas General Association 53, Western North Carolina 12, and 10 in other States. About $15,000 has been raised for church building, of which $4,000 have been expended. The total receipts for all purposes amount to $67,247.82. The Board calls for $5,000 from North Carolina for the next year, and the Vice-President for North Carolina asks the South Fork Association for $50.00 as its quota of that amount. *What say you?*

J. K. FAULKNER,
B. STROUP,
W. J. CALDWELL,
Committee.

Remarks by Elder J. K. Faulkner. An agent was then appointed in each church to represent this Board and solicit funds for its support.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The following were appointed chairmen of their respective committee for the ensuing year: Foreign Missions, J. K. Faulkner; State Missions, N. B. Cobb; Education, J. F. Morris; Home Missions, J. A. Hoyle; Periodicals, C. M. Murchison; Temperance, W. W. Bridges; Baptist Orphanage, J. C. Fite.

The committee to investigate the action of Hebron church in regard to Joe A. Williams, presented the following:

JOE A. WILLIAMS joined Hebron church on a letter of recommendation from Mt. Carmel church, Georgia. At the same church he presented a letter of recommendation representing him to be a licensed preacher. He claimed that the Sandy Plains church had written a letter requesting his ordination, whereupon Hebron church ordered his ordination. He was ordained at Salem church during the Union Meeting in November, 1884. The conduct of said Joe A. Williams has proven him to be an *imposter*, and all his letters forgeries. The church has revoked all action in regard to his ordination and church membership. We caution all others to beware of him, and lay hands on no man speedily.

C. M. MURCHISON,
J. F. MORRIS,
J. L. GRICE,
Committee.

Remarks by brethren Graham, Murchison and Morris.

On motion, report was adopted.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered Sandy Plains church and the friends in the community for the kind and hospitable entertainment of the delegates of this body.

On motion, the following resolution on Ministerial Support was adopted:

Resolved 1*st*, That this Association have in its future meetings reports on the subject of Ministerial Support.

2*nd* That the churches be requested to send up actual and full statistics on that subject.

A collection was taken to supplement the minute fund amounting to $2.45.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to pay himself $5.00 for his services, and have as many minutes printed at the Recorder office as the balance of the money will procure.

Committees on Finance and Statistics submitted their reports. See Financial and Statistical Tables.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Kids' Chapel, Lincoln county, N. C.

The brethren sang a hymn and extended the parting hand. Prayer by Rev. J. K. Faulkner.

Sunday, 9:30 A. M., Oct. 18th, 1885.

Met in Sunday School mass meeting. Singing and prayer, Rev. J. A. Hoyle leading.

Short speeches were made by brethren T. W. Upton, Azor Shell, J. A. Hoyle, W. A. Graham and James Brumfield.

Preaching at 10:30 by Rev. J. K. Faulkner. Text, 1st Cor. 6: 20. Collection was taken for Baptist Orphanage and Home Missions amounting to $12.00.

Afternoon.—Preaching by Rev. C. M. Murchison. Text, Mark 9: 2.

CONSTITUTION.

1st. This Association shall be known as the SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION.

2nd. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sabbath schools; and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3rd. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every 25 members in excess of 50.

4th. Its officers shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected annually by ballot; the Clerk shall be *ex-officio* Treasurer.

5th. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons annually appointed by the Moderator, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.

6th. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7th. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association be considered a delegate to the same.

8. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Association shall be: Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Temperance, Education, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

The hours of business shall be: Meet at 9½ o'clock a. m., adjourn at 12½ o'clock p. m.; meet at 1½ o'clock, adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

Resolved. That every church for the good of the cause of Christianity discountenance in their members the making, selling, or using as a beverage intoxicating drinks, or holding office of storekeeper or other office in the liquor department of the Internal Revenue Service, and if, after being admonished by the church they refuse to obey, we believe the church will be justifiable in withdrawing fellowship from such members as not hearing the Church, but walking in darkness.

Resolved, That we will as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education Board.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	S. S. Literature.	Church Building.	Other Items.	Total.
Bruington	$	$ 1 50	$ 1 00	$	$	$	$	40	$	$	$	$ 2 90
Hickory	185 66	14 56	14 80	17 75			14 80	60	39 37	110 90	63 58	461 96
Hickory Grove		20 00	10 00	2 79				$ 1 65				34 44
Hebron			6 00	3 00	3 00			1 50				13 50
Kids' Chapel	100 00	15 00	10 46	7 55	2 00	6 00		1 95	6 55			151 40
Lincolnton	50 00	6 13	6 30	2 00	4 00	7 75	50	1 25	6 09	126 00	15 27	225 29
Links' Chapel	75 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	1 65			50			1 75	84 90
Liberty Hill		25	25	25	25	50		50				2 00
Macedonia	125 00	2 70	4 60	2 25	1 25			1 40				137 20
Mull's Chapel								25			2 60	2 85
Mountain Grove	100 00	10 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	3 50		1 25			20 00	145 75
Mt. Ruhamah		1 75	2 00					1 20				4 95
Mt. Zion	100 00	15 00	4 35	5 00	2 80			1 15			7 10	135 41
Newton	40 00	5 00						50	1 80		28 00	75 30
Providence 1st												
Providence 2d		2 85	90	1 40	85			1 55				7 50
Salem	100 00	5 00	5 20					1 90	8 00	92 00	31 25	243 35
Sandy Plains		13 00	6 90	5 00	5 25	25		1 50	3 00	161 95	4 00	200 60
Thesalonica	16 00	25	1 30	25	1 40	1 45	25	25				21 15
Warlick's Chapel	130 00	5 10	7 40	5 25		4 60		1 40			18 00	165 05
Mission at												
Startown		1 50	1 50	50	2 35							5 85
Ladies' Missionary Society												
Lincolnton				7 95								7 95
Ladies' Missionary Society												
Hickory				5 00								5 00
Collection Association			13 40	10 41	4 00	11 00	14 40	3 70				56 91
	$1021 66	$121 53	$104 36	$81 35	$30 80	$35 05	$29 95	$24 40	$64 81	$490 85	$191 55	$2191 21

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Additions.				Diminutions				Present Membership
		Baptized.	Letters.	Restored.	Total.	Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	
Bruington	1863	----	--	1	1	--	--	--	----	16
Hickory	1870	28	11	--	39	3	1	1	5	96
Hickory Grove	1873	6	7	4	17	23	13	1	37	186
Hebron	1883	15	2	--	17	--	1	2	3	67
Kid's Chapel	1872	13	--	3	16	--	3	4	7	128
Lincolnton	----	----	3	--	3	4	2	--	6	21
Link's Chapel	1884	9	--	--	9	--	--	--	----	42
Liberty Hill	1879	----	--	--	----	--	--	--	----	20
Macedonia	1869	67	1	1	69	--	--	1	1	159
Mull's Chapel	1873	----	--	--	----	2	3	--	5	33
Mountain Grove	1881	----	4	--	4	1	1	--	1	60
Mount Ruhamah	1816	25	2	8	35	2	--	5	7	154
Mount Zion	1869	25	--	6	31	1	2	7	10	202
Newton	1881	----	2	--	2	3	--	1	4	13
Providence 1st	1852	----	--	--	----	--	--	--	----	----
Providence 2nd	1878	1	1	--	2	2	--	--	2	70
Salem	1854	2	2	--	4	2	3	1	6	129
Sandy Plains	----	12	1	--	13	2	1	2	5	126
Thessalonica	----	----	--	--	----	--	--	--	----	46
Warlick's Chapel	----	27	4	--	31	1	1	--	2	127
Totals		330	40	23	293	46	31	25	102	1695

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Superintendent of Sunday School.	Sabbath of Church Services.
Bruington	Gaston			T. W. Upton	Mt. Holly		Sunday.
Hickory	Catawba	N. B. Cobb	Hickory	H. L. Watson	Hickory	Azor Shell	2nd and 4th "
Hickory Grove	Gaston	J. F. Morris	Stanly Creek	J. M. Holobaugh	Mt. Holly		
Hebron	Gaston	J. F. Morris	Mt. Island				
Kids' Chapel	Lincoln	J. F. Morris	M. Island	W. A. Graham	Machpelah	S. A. Whitner	4th "
Lincolnton	Lincoln	J. K. Faulkner	Lincolnton	L. T. Wilkie	Lincolnton	L. T. Wilkie	1st and 3rd "
Link's Chapel	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Iron Station	Jere. Morrison	Iron Station	A. Block	1st "
Liberty Hill	Lincoln	J. K. Faulkner	Lincolnton	Dan. Carpenter	Reepsville		
Macedonia	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Iron Station	J. P. Mullin	Derr		1st "
Mull's Chapel	Burke	N. H. Moss		P. M. Mull	Wortman		
Mountain Grove	Catawba	C. M. Murchison	Old Fort	D. A. Whisnant	Whisnant		1st
Mt. Ruhamah	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Iron Station	L. S. Caldwell	Drumsville	L. J. Caldwell	
Mt. Zion	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Iron Station	D. F. Abernethy	Stanly Creek		3rd "
Newton	Catawba	J. B. Marsh	Catawba	W. W. Bridges	Newton	W. W. Bridges	4th "
Providence 1st	Catawba	Isaac Oxford	Downsville				
Providence 2nd	Burke	J. T. Shell	Petra Mills	Miles Huffman	Jug Town		
Salem	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Iron Station	A. G. Harrell	Lincolnton	W. T. McCoy	2nd "
Sandy Plains	Gaston	J. F. Morris	Stanly Creek	J. D. Smith	Bowling Green		2nd "
Thesalonica	Catawba	J. K. Faulkner	Lincolnton	P. W. Bangle	Reepsville		4th "
Warlick's Chapel	Burke	C. M. Murchison	Old Fort	L. Warwick	Hickory	A. J. Cook	2nd "
Startown Mission	Catawba	J. K. Faulkner	Lincolnton	J. K. Faulkner	Lincolnton	W. L. Killian	1st "

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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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AUXILIARY COMMITTEE.

Bruington.....John Hansell
Hebron.....J. T. Beatty
Hickory.....J. F. Click
Hickory Grove.....W. W. Rankin
Kid's Chapel.....T. J. Womack
Lebanon.....J. F. Killian
Lincolnton.....L. T. Wilkie
Link's Chapel.....G. W. Edwards
Liberty Hill.....Daniel Carpenter
Macedonia.....J. L Perkins
Mull's Chapel.....P. P. Mull
Mountain Grove.....Calvin Baker
Mt. Ruhama.....Jonas Deal
Mt. Zion.....Hill Abernethy
Newton.....C. M. Burriss
Providence.....Jas. Wilkie
Providence, 2nd.....Jno. Hicks
Salem.....J. A. Hovis
Sandy Plains.....Jas. Warren
Thesalonica.....—— Norwood
Warlick's.....A. J. Cook
Fellowship.....Wm. McLean

PROCEEDINGS.

At 11:30 o'clock A. M., Elder N. B. Cobb preached the introductory sermon, using as text 1st Corinthians, 16th chapter, verses 1 and 2.

At 2:30 o'clock P. M, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Brother B. F. Whitesides was appointed Clerk *pro tem.* Letters were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Bruington—Elder T. W. Upton, Brother John Hoover.

Hickory—Elder N. B. Cobb, Brothers J. F. Click, B. F. Whitesides.

Hickory Grove—J. M. Hollabough, L. V. Smith, J. S. Cherry, S. J. Joy, John Rumfelt.

Hebron—F. T. Beatty, J. R. Underwood, J. L. Grice.

Kid's Chapel—R. A. Keever, W. S. Kids, W. A. Graham, D. H. Parker and Geo. Noles.

Link's-Chapel—Elder J. A. Hoyle, Brother Hosea Parker.

Lincolnton—By letter.

Liberty Hill—By letter.

Macedonia—J. Burke, J. L. Perkins, I. Spargo, M. A. Ewing, M. Laney, W. A. Lowing, W. T. Miller, M. Sigmon.

Mull's Chapel—A. M. Williams.

Mountain Grove—P. M. Sharp.

Mt. Ruhama—D. H. Abernethy, W. M. Taylor, Jos. Deal.

Mt. Zion—Elder J. F. Morris, Brothers D. L. Nantz, M. Bynum, J. L. Abernethy, W. Hovis.

Newton—W. W. Bridges, C. M. Burriss.

Salem—G. I. Pasour, A. Mauney, John Harrell, D. F. Clanton.

Warlick's—M. C. Hildebrande.

Elders Cobb and Hoyle acted as Reading Clerks.

The Association organized by electing W. A. Graham, Moderator, and Robt. A. Keever, Clerk.

Elder P. A. Whitener reported as correspondent from the Catawba River Association.

Lebanon Church, Catawba county, was received as a member of this body.

The following committees were appointed, whose names will appear with their reports:

Next Meeting of the Association, Finance, Periodicals. Baptist Orphanage.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder Cobb.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15.

Devotional exercises by Elder Morris. Special prayer, by request, was made for Elder James Brumfield, Elder Cobb leading.

Elder J. H. Boothe, visitor from South Yadkin Association, reported.

Elder Cobb submitted the following obituary on Elder G. J. Wilkie:

GEORGE J. WILKIE.

This aged minister of Christ departed this life on Christmas day, 1884, after a brief illness, in the 79th year of his age.

He was born in York County, S. C., July 4th, 1805, was baptized by Elder Alexander Abernethy, at Sandy Ford, South Fork River, North Carolina, September 15th, 1844, when nearly forty years of age, and was ordained as a minister of the Gospel Sept 17th, 1864, when nearly sixty years of age, at the call of Providence church, near Catawba Station, in Catawba County, according to his own diary, by "Elders James Reid, A. J Cansler and William Walker, and Deacons Samuel Danner, D C. Cochran, H. E Loller, A. Danner and A. B. Ervin" For several years he rode as a missionary of the Catawba River Association in the counties of Burke, Catawba, Lincoln and Gaston, and preached also in the counties of Cleveland, Iredell and McDowell. He was instrumental in the constitution of eight churches, viz: Macedonia, Kid's Chapel, Mt. Zion, Ezra Mull's Chapel, Providence 2nd, Mt Zoar, Battles' and Dry Pond, the first five of which are now members of the South Fork Association. He was at different times moderator of the Catawba River Association and enjoyed the affection and respect of his brethren to a large degree.

A short time before his death, when in apparently perfect health, he visited the scenes of his former labors, calling upon his kindred as he passed through the country, and making arrangements for the settlement of some of his children.

A week before his death he visited Hickory and spent an afternoon with the writer of this sketch. He talked over his work as a minister and expressed his regret that he had failed to preach more to the churches the duty of giving for missions and the support of the ministry. He said many of his brethren had blamed him for his course in serving churches for nothing, or for whatever they chose to pay him, and he believed they were right; but, as he had a plenty to live on, he had always a delicacy in bringing up the subject. He has left behind a large family of children and grandchildren, most of whom are professors of religion, and some of them active workers in the vineyard of the Lord. N. B. COBB

which after remarks by Elder Cobb was adopted.

Elder Morris submitted the following report on Education.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Believing (other things being equal) that the benefits of education are not confined to the educated alone but, are shared by all: therefore, all, whether educated or not. should feel an interest in education. There is reason that we, as a denomination, should feel proud of our educational institutions. and give them a hearty and unanimous support.

Wake Forest is the property of North Carolina Baptists, and is a monument of their zeal and unity. Its past history invites comparison with like institutions in the State, and to-day offers advantages second to none, with an eadowment of $103 000 in int rest bearing investments; buildings worth $24 000; library and apparatus valued at $18,000; its advantages are equal to the best and is far in advance of what they have been in the past.

Nearly one hundred ministers have been aided by the Educational Board at Wake Forest and are now filling positions of the highest responsibility and honor. Among them are Yates and Henning in China, Pritchard, Richardson, Brown. Durham, Vaun, Boston and Lambeth.

There were thirty-two ministerial students aided during the past session and many more might have been had the Board been furnished with means.

We recommend Shelby Female College and Thomasville Female College as especially worthy of our confidence and patronage.

which after remarks by Elders Morris and Boothe and W. A. Graham was adopted.

Pledges were made for next year as appear in table.

Elder N. B. Cobb submitted the following report on State Missions:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

During the past year the State Mission Board have employed 72 missionaries, or 10 more than ever before in the history of the Convention. Their labors this year have been wonderfully blessed in every section of the State. Over 20 new houses of worship have been erected and material is being gathered for others

In our own secti n Elders J K. Faulkner, N. B. Cobb, J. B. Marsh, J. A. Hoyle and J. F. Morris have been acting under the appointment of this Board. Elder Cobb has been preaching at Hickory, Morganton, Glen Alpine and Catawba Springs. At Morganton, which is the weakest church in the field, the brethren have recently purchased an excellent lot of two acres in the best part of the town, and lumber sufficient to erect thereon a neat two-story cottage for a parsonage. The house of worship at Catawba Springs (a union house) has been finished and a stove purchased. At Lincolnton Elder Faulkner has succeeded in completing the baptistry and pulpit largely at his own expense and the church house is now comfortable and attractive within He recommends the discontinuance of the mission at Lowell.

Elder J. F. Morris has been preaching at Denver in Lincoln and Hebron in Gaston. Hebron is still without a house, but promises to be self-sustaining the present year.

Rev J. A. Hoyle has preached at Lebanon, Catawba county, and at Link's Chapel He has baptized at these two places 50 persons, but has done nothing toward building.

Elder C. M. Murchison has been preaching in the afternoon at Winkler's church, in Catawba county, and is now engaged in a protracted meeting at that place. N. B. COBB.

Brother John E. Ray, Secretary of the Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention, was welcomed by the Association, and remarked on the report. A collection of $17.35 was lifted for State missions and pledges made as appear in table. Report adopted. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Prayer by Elder Hoyle. Elder Upton, from the committee on next Association, recommended Macedonia as the next place, Elder J. F. Morris to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Murchison Alternate. Report adopted.

A letter from Elder Broomfield was read to the Association, and a contribution of $7.40 made in his behalf.

Elder J. B. Marsh, correspondent from South Yadkin Association, reported.

Fellowship Church, Gaston county, was received as a member of this body.

Delegates to the State Convention were appointed: Elders N. B. Cobb, J. A. Hoyle, J. F. Morris, J. K. Faulkner and C. M. Murchison, and W. W. Bridges and W. A. Graham.

Elder Faulkner submitted the following report on Foreign Missions:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee cannot say of Foreign Missions in view of the contrast of other years, that we are prospering as we never prospered before. Our Mission work in Foreign fields has suffered some reverses; the missionaries some persecutions and the cause some spiteful usage in foreign lands. We do not know, and are hardly prepared to admit that just the thing has been done in the appointment of an Assistant Secretary of the Board, and especially in its fulfilment in the present occupant.

Our finances have fallen off, whilst the working force has been increased In our State, of $8,000 asked only a little more than $2,000 has been sent in for Foreign Missions.

We have missions in Northern, Central and Southern China, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico. God has blessed them in their labors more than us in our giving.

We have too long depended on mere accidental giving to the neglect of the instructions of the Holy Spirit in laying aside in store systematically as God has prospered us.

We have fifty missionaries and more than thirty assistants in the Foreign fields. We need $100,000 for present needs and present claims upon future supplies.

We recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, the encouragement of Woman's Missionary Societies, and improved interest in systematic beneficence.

Respectfully submitted.

J. K. FAULKNER, Com.

Remarks by Elders Faulkner, Boothe, Morriss and Graham.

Adopted. Pledges as appear in the table.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder Marsh.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises by Elder Upton.

Elder Boothe submitted report on Periodicals:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

One of the essential requisites of our success in the dissemination of gospel truth is an easy means of communication and source of information as to the needs and progress upon the field.

Therefore, your committee would recommend the *Biblical Recorder* as being the paper best qualified to meet the wants of the Baptists of North Carolina, who work in connection with the State Convention.

Also, we would recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal* as the source of information with regard to the foreign work.

J. H. BOOTHE,
J. L. GRICE,
G. M. NOLES. } Com.

Remarks by Elder Boothe and Cobb. Report adopted.

Elder Hoyle submitted report on Home Missions:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is one of the Boards of our Southern Baptist Convention. Its object is to send the Gospel anywhere and everywhere there is destitution. Its work has been confined to the States and Territories of the South.

The Home Mission Board received last year about.....$86,000

IT EXPENDED

In Church Building.....$25,000
In Mission Work..... 69,500

A total of.....$94,500

An excess above its receipts of..... $ 8,500

WHAT WAS DONE DURING THE YEAR.

It supported 255 Missionaries, who preached in 649 places; more than 7,000 summons to about 100,000 people.

They Baptized 3,812 believers; received by letter 2,344 others; making an addition of 6,156 persons.

They had 326 Sunday-schools in which were 12,500 teachers and pupils.

They constituted 70 new churches and built 49 houses of worship.

For the present year the Board must have funds to support an equal number of missionaries and build an equal number of houses of worship, and $8,500 to meet the deficiency of last year.

Will our Association do all it can to secure these amounts? What say you Brethren?

J. A HOYLE.

A letter was read from Rev. A. G. McMannaway, Vice-President of the Home Mission Board for North Carolina, and his suggestions adopted.

A Committee of Elders Morris, Hoyle and Upton were appointed to report what amount they thought each Church could contribute for this Board next year. This was adopted and appears in the table of pledges. Remarks by Elders Hoyle, Faulkner and W. A. Graham. Collection $16.80. Report adopted.

Brother Bridges, as a report on Temperance, recommended that the Standing Committee on Temperance be discontinued and the resolution which appears in the minutes, be read annually. Adopted.

Brother W. A. Graham made some remarks upon the defilement of churches by professed christians, spitting tobacco on the floor and sides of the house. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Prayer by Elder Faulkner.

The following Exeeutive Committee was announced: G. I. Pasour, J. R. Underwood, W. A. Graham, D. H. Abernathy and P. M. Sharp.

The Executive Committee submitted report of the year's work as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

During the year aid has been granted as follows:

Hebron	$30 00
Link's Chapel	25 00
Winkler's	30 00
Maiden	5 00
Catawba Springs	5 00
	$95 00

Aid will not be longer needed by the first two of these points. At Winkler's arrangements are being made to build a house. An arm of Warlick's Church has been established there.

The Mission work of the Convention and Association has been greatly blessed this year, as will be seen by reference to the reports of the churches.

This might be called a Missionary Association, as there are not more than three of the twenty-two churches that have not originated in missionary work.

Two years ago the Catawba River Association (of which we were a part) numbered 29 churches, with 2,082 members. Eight years ago this Association was formed with ten churches, with 701 members. It now has 22 churches with 1996 members; 1206 baptisms have been reported to the Association in this time—212 of them this year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

On hand last Association		$21 52
Received last year		94 65
Total receipts		$116 17
Paid J. A. Hoyle	$30 00	
" J. F. Morris	30 00	
" C. M. Murchison	30 00	
" N. B. Cobb	5 00	
Postage and Stationery	1 52	
Disbursements		$ 96 52
Ballance on hand		$ 19 65
Collections on Sunday,		7 00
On hand		$ 26 65

Remarks by W. A. Graham, Elders N. B. Cobb, T. W. Upton, and Marsh.

There was raised to aid in building a new church (for Bruington) at Brevard's Station, in cash, $6.70; pledges $25.75. Report adopted.

Report on Sabbath Schools, by Elder Morris. Report adopted. (See statistics.)

Report on Baptist Orphanage, by Elder Cobb, who made remarks thereon:

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage. at Thomasville, is succeeding beyond the most sanguine expectations of its most enthusiastic friends. Four brick buildings have been completed and furnished. two schools for orphans, male and female, established, and five other buildings are in process of construction. There is no enterprise which has touched the hearts and enlisted the contributions of our people with more enthusiasm. We recommend that every church in this Association take up one collection each year for the Orphanage, and that the pastors encourage their people to make up boxes of clothing, bed quilts, blankets and provisions and send the same to John H. Mills, Gen'l Manager, Thomasville, N. C.

N. B. COBB.

Report adopted, and it was ordered to divide the collection tomorrow between Orphanage and Associational Missions.

The churches were requested to raise as much as they could for Associational Missions at the December meetings, in order that the Executive Committee could arrange the work for the year.

Finance Committee reported; report adopted. (See table)

Auxiliary Committee was appointed.

The Clerk was directed to superintend the printing of the minutes, and retain five dollars for his services.

On motion of Elder Morris, Brother Cobb was requested to furnish a synopsis of his introductory sermon to be published in the minutes.

Adjourned to meet with Macedonia Church.

Prayer by Elder Faulkner.

SUNDAY MORNING.

At 10 o'clock Sunday School speeches were made by Elders Upton, Hoyle, Marsh and Boothe.

At 11 o'clock Elder N. B. Cobb preached at the stand from the text: "What think ye of Christ and whose son is He." Matt. 22 ch. & 42 v., a most interesting and instructive sermon.

A collection of $14 00 was lifted to be divided between the Orphanage and Associational Missions.

At 1:30 P. M., Elder J. H. Boothe preached from the text John 4th chapter and 10th verse.

CONSTITUTION.

1st. This Association shall be known as the SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION.

2nd. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable hsuses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sabbath schools; and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3rd. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty.

4th. Its officers shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected annually by ballot: the Clerk shall be *ex officio* Treasurer.

5th. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons annually appointed by the Moderator, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.

6th. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two thirds of the members of the Association.

7th. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8th. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Association shall be: Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be: Meet at 9:30 o'clock, A. M., adjourn at 12:30 o'clock, P. M.; meet at 1:30 o'clock, P. M., adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

Resolved, That every church for the good of the cause of Christianity discountenance in their members the making, selling or using as a beverage, intoxicating drinks, or holding office of storekeeper or other office in the liquor department of the Internal Revenue Service, and if, after being admonished by the church they refuse to obey, we believe the church will be justifiable in withdrawing fellowship from such members as not hearing the Church, but walking in darkness.

Resolved, That we will as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

CASH AT ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Sal'y.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Miss'ns.	Educational Board.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minute Fund	Ministerial Support.	TOTAL.
Bruington	...	$1 50	$1 50	$ 50	$	$1 00	.....	$ 55	.....	$ 5 05
Fellowship	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hebron	...	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 3 00	1 55	.....	9 75
Hickory	...	5 00	4 75	4 50	.....	2 62	.....	1 10	.....	17 97
Hickory Grove	...	20 00	...	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	1 35	.....	31 35
Kids' Chapel	..	5 25	3 85	.....	.....	2 00	50	90	.....	13 50
Lincolnton	...	5 00	.....	.....	2 70	.....	2 00	1 25	.....	10 95
Link's Chapel	...	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	55	.....	7 55
Lebanon	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia	...	5 00	.....	2 15	2 15	.....	.....	1 65	.....	10 95
Mull's Chapel	...	1 00	2 00	1 25	.....	.....	1 00	75	.....	6 00
Mountain Grove	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00
Mt. Ruhama	...	3 00	.....	2 90	75	2 00	.....	1 20	.....	9 85
Mt. Zion	...	13 00	2 45	1 00	2 45	.....	.....	1 65	.....	20 55
Newton	...	50	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	2 00
Providence 2d	...	1 40	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 10	.....	5 50
Liberty Hill	...	2 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	2 75
Salem	...	4 00	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	7 25
Sandy Plains	...	40 00	4 10	3 00	.....	5 00	2 00	1 88	.....	25 98
Winkler's	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 70
Warlick'sChap'l	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 70	....	14 00
Collec'n Sunday	...	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	17 35
Collection at Association	...	.....	17 35	.....		.....	.....	3 25	7 40	7 40
		90 65	38 50	$25 55	9 05	20 62	15 50	23 38	7 40	230 65

Aid for Brother Brumfield.

PLEDGES FOR 1887.

CHURCHES.	Associational Missions.	State.	Foreign.	Home.	Education.	Agent for Home Missions.
Bruington . .	$ 1 50	$ 1 50	$ 1 00	$ 1 50	$ 1 00	John Hoover.
Hickory . . .	5 00	10 00		5 00	2 00	B. F Whitesides.
Hickory Grove .	15 00	10 00	5 00	9 00	5 00	L. V. Smith.
Hebron . . .	5 00	4 00	3 00	5 00	2 00	G. Underwood
Kid's Chapel .	15 00	10 00	6 00	8 00	5 00	T. J. Womack.
Lincolnton . .		5 00	6 00	5 00		E. H. Cauble.
Link's . . .	2 00	3 00	3 00	4 00	1 00	Hosea Parker.
Liberty Hill .				2 00		Daniel Carpenter.
Macedonia . .	2 00	4 00	3 00	8 00	1 00	J. L. Perkins.
Mull's . . .	2 00	2 00		5 00	1 00	A. M. Williams.
Mountain Grove.	4 00	4 00	4 00	6 00		C. Sigmon.
Mount Ruhama.	5 00	5 00	5 00	8 00	5 00	S. L Bolinger.
Mount Zion . .	5 00	5 00	5 00	8 00	5 00	Moses Bynum.
Newton . . .	1 00	5 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	W. W. Bridges.
Providence . .				1 00		James Wilkie.
Providence 2d .	1 00	5 00	1 00	5 00		J. J Hicks.
Salem . . .	5 00	5 00	2 00	5 00		John Harrell.
Sandy Plains .	8 00	4 00	3 00	7 00	2 00	Joseph Lanier.
Thesalonica . .				2 00		P. W. Bangle.
Warlick's . .	5 00	10 00	10 00	7 00		M. C. Hildebrand.
Fellowship . .	5 00	5 00		7 00		Geo. Armstrong.
Lebanon . . .	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00		E. W. Wilkinson.
	$87 50	$100 50	$59 00	$112 50	$32 00	

Total..... $391 50.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Educational Board.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minute Fund	S. S. Literature.	Church Building	Other Items.	Total.
Bruington		$ 1 50	1 50	$ 50	$	$ 1 00	$	$ 50	$	$	$	$ 5 00
Fellowship												
Hebron	$ 75 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		5 00	3 00	1 75				99 75
Hickory	147 17	5 00	10 00	10 00		2 62		1 10	49 20		35 87	269 86
Hickory Grove	75 00	20 00	10 00	5 00		5 00		1 35				116 35
Kid's Chapel	200 00	5 25	8 58	2 70	4 16	4 35	1 50		5 00	48 00	15 00	294 54
Lincolnton	50 00	5 00	6 00	3 00	2 70	3 00	2 00	1 25	4 00	95 00	15 52	187 47
Link's Chapel	55 00	2 00	3 00	2 00		3 00		50	2 55		15 00	83 05
Liberty Hill		2 00	50					25				2 75
Macedonia	125 00	5 00	5 00	2 15	2 15			1 65				140 95
Mull's Chapel		1 00	2 00					75				3 75
Mountain Grove	100 00	5 00	5 00	5 00				1 00			15 00	131 00
Mt. Ruhama	100 00	3 00	8 83	2 90	75	2 00		1 20			68 08	186 76
Mt. Zion	100 00	13 00	2 45	1 00	2 45			1 65				120 55
Newton	30 00	50	6 00	1 00				50			26 00	64 00
Providence												
Providence 2nd	67 00	1 40	2 00		1 00			1 10				72 50
Salem	100 00	4 00	5 00	2 25	2 00	2 00		1 00	10 20	5 25		131 70
Sandy Plains	96 00	10 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	1 88	2 90		13 40	149 18
Winkler's		1 00										1 00
Warlick's Chapel	130 00	5 00	10 00	5 00		5 00		1 70			12 36	169 06
	$1450 17	$ 94 65	$ 98 92	$52 50	$20 21	$37 97	$ 8 50	$20 13	$83 85	$148 25	$216 23	$2231 38
Collection at Association		7 00	17 35		16 85		7 00	3 25			7 40	58 85
Total	$1450 17	$101 65	$116 27	$52 50	$47 06	$37 97	$15 50	$23 38	$83 85	$148 25	$223 63	$2290 23

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Constituted.	ADDITIONS.				DIMINUTIONS.					Present Membership.
		Baptized.	Received By Letter.	Restored.	Total.	By Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.	Erasure.	Total.	
Bruington	1863	...	1	..	1	3	....	..	..	3	14
Fellowship	1874	7	....	..	7	....	....	....	....	....	121
Hickory	1870	1	2	..	3	14	....	1	..	15	82
Hickory Grove	1873	40	2	7	49	8	8	1	..	17	212
Hebron	1883	15	1	..	16	....	1	..	..	1	82
Kid s Chapel	1872	11	1	2	14	3	1	2	..	5	129
Lebanon	1855	...	....	..	...	....	....		..		29
Lincolnton	1859	2	1	..	3	3	....	..	..	3	27
Link's Chapel	1884	14	9	..	23	1	5	..	..	6	61
Liberty Hill	1879	...	....	..	...	....	....	..	..	...	20
Macedonia	1869	48	7	..	55	20	2	2	..	24	208
Mull's Chapel	1873	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	3	31
Mountain Grove	1881	3	....	..	3	3	3	..	..	6	54
Mount Ruhama	1816	30	6	7	43	14	....	1	..	15	181
Mount Zion	1869	4	2	..	6	5	15	2	..	22	186
Newton	1881	...	2	..	2	....	....	..	..	....	15
Prouidence 1	1852	...	....	..	...	....	....	..	..	....	....
Providence 2	1878	...	1	..	1	13	1	..	..	14	56
Salem	1854	6	3	1	10	2	4	2	..	8	106
Sandy Plains	....	22	2	1	25	....	....	3	..	3	154
Thesalonica	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....
Warlick's Chapel	....	8	1	..	9	2	3	3	..	8	128
		212	41	18	271	92	44	18		153	1896

The two Churches not reported, when last heard from, had 100 members.

If there has been no change the total membership is 1996.

There are eleven Sunday Schools reported, but statistics are so irregular that they are omitted. The Churches will please attend more carefully to "Sunday School reports."

DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	Counties.	Pastors.	Post Office.	Clerks.	Post Office.	Superintendent of Sabbath School.	Post Office.	Time of Service
Bruington	Gaston.			T. W. Upton.	Mt. Holly.			Sunday
Fellowship	"	J. K. Faulkner.	Shelby.	Ross Gaston.	Belmont.			4th "
Hebron	"	J. F. Morris.	Stanly Creek.	J. L. Grice.	Mountain Island.			4th "
Hickory	Catawba.			H. L. Watson.	Hickory.	H. L. Watson.	Hickory.	2d&4th "
Hickory Grove	Gaston.	J. F. Morris.	Stanly Creek.	J. M. Hollobaugh.	Mt. Holly.	W. W. Rankin.	Mt. Holly.	4th "
Kid's Chapel	Lincoln.	J. F. Morris.	"	W. A Graham.	Machpelah.	W. S. Kids.	Denver.	1st&3d "
Lebanon	Catawba.	J. A. Hoyle.	Iron Station.	J. F. Killian.	Chronicle.			1st "
Liberty Hill	Lincoln.			D. Carpenter.	Reepsville.			
Lincolnton	"	J. K. Faulkner.	Shelby.	L T Wilkie	Lincolnton.	L. T. Wilkie.	Lincolnton.	3rd "
Link's Chapel	"	J A. Hoyle.	Iron Station.	G. W. Edwards.	Iron Station.	Hosea Parker.	Iron Station	2nd "
Macedonia	"	J. A. Hoyle.	"	Jas. Mullen.	Derr.	T J Sanders.	Derr.	1st "
Mountain Grove	Catawba.	C. M. Murchison.	Old Fort.	D. A. Whisnant.	Hickory.			1st "
Mt. Ruhama	"	J. A Hoyle	Iron Station	L. S. Caldwell.	Drumsville.	L S Caldwell.	Drumsville.	4th "
Mt. Zion	Lincoln.	J. A. Hoyle.	"	D. F. Abernathy.	Stanly Creek.			3rd "
Mull's Chapel	Burke.	P. A. Whitener	Morganton.	P. M. Mull.	Mull Grove.			1st "
Newton	Catawba.	J. B. Marsh.	Catawba.	W. W. Bridges.	Newton.			4th "
Providence 1st	"	Isaac Oxford.						
Providence 2d	"	J. T. Shell.	Petra Mills.	W. P. Rhoney.	Chestnut.			
Salem	Lincoln.	J A. Hoyle.	Iron Station.	A. J Harrell.	Iron Station.	W. T. McCoy.	Lincolnton.	2nd "
Sandy Plains	Gaston.	J. F. Morris.	Stanly Creek.	J. D. Smith.	Bowling Green.	Jos. Lanier.		2nd "
Thesalonica	Catawba.							
Warlick's	Burke.	C. M Murchison.	Old Fort	L. Warlick.	Hickory.	A. J. Cook.	Hickory.	2nd "

MINUTES

—OF THE—

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH FORK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

MACEDONIA CHURCH, Lincoln Co., N. C.

October 13th, 14th and 15th, 1887.

W. A. GRAHAM, MODERATOR.....Mackpelah, N. C.
R. A. KEEVER, CLERK.....Kidsville, N. C.

Shelby, N. C.
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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Wm. Abernathy.....Happy Home, N. C.
James Brumfield.....Dallas, N. C.
G. W. Gardner.....Hickory, N. C.
J. A. Hoyle.....Iron Station, N. C.
J. F. Morris.....Stanley Creek, N. C.
C. M. Murchison.....Hickory, N. C.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. S. Bridges.....L. Warlick.....
G. M. Whitner.....J. R. Underwood.....
W. F. Fight.....W. A. Graham.....

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AUXILIARY COMMITTEE.

Bruington.....Jno. Hansell.
Hebron.....J. T. Beatty.
Hickory.....J. F. Click.
Hickory Grove.....W. W. Rankin.
Kids Chapel.....T. J. Womack.
Lebanon.....J. F. Killian.
Lincolnton.....L. T. Wilkie.
Links Chapel.....A. C. Linebarger.
Liberty Hill.....Daniel Carpenter.
Macedonia.....J. L. Perkins.
Mull's Chapel.....P. M. Mull.
Mountain Grove.....Calvin Baker.
Mt. Ruhama.....Jonas Deal.
Mt. Zion.....Hill Abernathy.
Newton.....C. M. Burniss.
Providence, 1st.....Jas. Wilkie
Providence, 2nd.....Jno. Hicks.
Salem.....J. A. Hoovis.
Sandy Plains.....Augustus Wamen.
Thesalonica.....———Norwood.
Warlick's.....A. J. Cook.
Fellowship.....Mm. McClean.
Catawba.....Miss S. A. Bridges.
McAdenville.....———Reynoles.
Penelope.....J. K. Bobbit.
Olivet.....P. R. Blackburn.

PROCEEDINGS.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder J. F. Morris preached the introductory sermon, using as text Romans 8th chapter and 32 verse.

At 2 P. M. the Association was called to order by the Moderator, letters were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Bruington—J. W. Hansell.

Hebron.—J. R. Underwood, J. S. Grice.

Hickory.—Elder G. W. Gardner, Bro. J. F. Click.

Hickory Grove.—W. W. Rankin, L. L. Salms.

Kids Chapel.—R. A. Keever, A. A. Keever, W. A. Graham, T. J. Wamack, Wm. Keever.

Lebanon.—J. F. Killian.

Lincolnton.—J. F. McClean.

Link's Chapel.—J. M. Morrison, A. C. Linebarger.

Liberty Hill.—Elder Daniel Carpenter.

Macedonia.—M. Sigmon, M. A. Erving, J. Burek, J. T. Sanders, Jno. Lowing, Geo. Beal.

Mull's Chapel.—Wm. Johnson.

Mountain Grove.—G. M. Whitner. D. A. Whisanant, C. J. Sigmon.

Mt. Ruhama —S. L. Bollinger, Jonas Deal, Jno. Oliver.

Mt. Zion.—Elder J. F. Morris, Bros. W. B. McClure, B. Stroup, Jno. Cronister, W. J. Caldwell.

Newton.—W. W. Bridges.

Providence, 1*st.*—J. Wilkie.

Providence, 2*nd.*—Cephas Young, H. Burriss.

Salem —Elder J. A. Hoyle, Bros. D. A. Robinson, Jno. Hovise, G. I. Paysour.

Sandy Plains.—Augustus Wamen, Lapon Groves, Jno. R. West.

Thesalonica.—Not represented.

Warlick's.—A. J. Cook, L. Warlick, Elder C. M. Murchison, Bro. J. K. Bobbitt.

Fellowship.—W. F. Fite.

Catawba.—J. S. Bridges.
McAdenville.—J. M. Bridges, L. A. Reynoles.
Olivet.—J. P. Stewart.

Elders Hoyle and Gardner acted as reading clerks.

The Association organized by electing W. A. Graham, Moderator, and R. A. Keever, Clerk.

Catawba church, Catawba county, and McAdenville, Gaston county, were received as members of this Association.

Elders J. M. Bridges and C. F. Felmot reported as correspondents from the King's Mountain Association.

H. D. Ervin reported as correspondent from the South Yadkin Association.

The following committee were appointed, whose names will appear with their reports:

Next meeting of the Association, Periodicals, Baptist Orphanage, &c.

Adjourned, Prayer by Elder G. W. Gardner.

FRIDAY MORNING, October, 14.

Devotional exercises by Elder J. A. Hoyle.

On motion of Elder J. F. Morris a committee of five was appointed to investigate a complaint by Providence 2d, whose names will appear with their report.

The Chair announced the following delegates to the State Convention: Elders J. A. Hoyle, J. F. Morris, G. W. Gardner, C. M. Murchison and J. S. Bridges, W. A. Graham, R. A. Keever.

The Chair announced committee on Obituaries whose names will appear with their report.

A motion by Bro. S. L. Bollinger to change the Constitution, which after remarks by W. A. Graham and B. McClure, was lost.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals beg leave to report: We do most earnestly recommend that special efforts be made by the churches of this Association to introduce the *Bilical Recorder* into every family connected with them. We consider the *Recorder* not only a means of conveying information, but a great educator. Where it is

taken and read there must be development, growth in grace, and increased interest in all our denominational work.

We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal* published at Richmond, Va., as a paper filled with information about our Foreign Mission work.

The Sunday Schools of this Association cannot do better than to use the papers and lesson helps of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia. *Kind Words* published at Atlanta, Ga., is an excellent Sunday School paper. They also publish lesson helps, quarterlies, &c.

G. W. GARDNER.
W. J. CALDWELL, } Committee.

Remarks by Elders G. W. Gardner, C. M. Murchison, J. F. Morris, J. S. Bridges and Bro. W. A. Graham. Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on education beg leave to submit the following report:

Believing it to be the duty of all to educate to the extent of their abilities, we would advise Baptist to patronize Baptist Schools as far as possible, and to those who contemplate a college course we take pleasure in recommending Wake Forest College, and especially those expecting to enter the ministry.

The Shelby and Thomasville Female Colleges offer advantages second to none in the State.

We take pleasure in recommending the Penelope Academy within the bounds of this Association, under the control of C. M. Murchison, as being worthy in every way of the patronage of all persons as primary and preparatory school.

J. F. MORRIS.

Remarks by Elders G. W. Gardner, J. F. Morris, J. A. Hoyle, C. M. Murchison, ——Carpenter, and Bro. W. A. Graham. Adopted.

Adjourned.

Afternoon, prayer by C. M. Murchison.

Olivet church was received as a member of this body.

A collection for education was raised amounting to $6.02.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is one of the Boards of our Southern Baptist Convention. Its object is to send the Gospel to destitute places in the limits of the United States. The Home Mission Board sends God's ministers to the Indian nations, that the red men of the forest may be converted to God. Those poor Indians whose ancestors once inhabited this now fair land of ours, and to the wild and half civilized people of our western states and territories, to the

dark and benighted cities along the Gulf of Mexico and on the West India Islands, especially the Island of Cuba where such a great work is going on now. Will not our Association do all it can by contributing of its means to this great and grand object? May God help us to do more than we ever have done in this direction.

S. L. BOLINGER, Chm'n of Com.

Remarks by Bro. W. A. Graham, after which a letter from A. G. McManaway was read asking that some one be appointed to look after Home Mission work in each church.

Elder J. B. Marsh reported as correspondent from the South Yadkin Association.

On motion of Elder Hoyle the Executive Committee were instructed to report the financial condition of the churches to which they grant aid.

On motion of W. A. Graham to let the old committee on Home Mission stand, and for Catawba Miss S. A. Bridges, McAdenville, Reynoles; Penelope, J. K. Bobbitt; Olivet, P. R. Blackburn. Adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Your committee would submit the following:

There is no object fostered by the denomination that should appeal with more power to the christian heart than the Orphanage. Christ himself has said "In as much as ye have done it unto one of these little ones ye have done it unto me." The Orphanage is wholly dependent for support on the contributions of charitably disposed persons and is now in pressing need. We believe it to be the duty of every Baptist in the State to rally to its support. Who knows but their own offsprings may yet be shearers of its blessings?

W. F. FITE, }
S. S. SALMS, } Committee.

Remarks by J. S. Bridges, Elders J. F. Morris, C. M. Murchison, J. A. Hoyle, C. F. Felmet, and Bro. W. A. Graham, after which a collection was raised amounting to $5.73 for the same.

Pledges were made for 1888 which appear in table.

Rev. B. McClure submitted the following report on Sabbath Schools:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

We know of no other branch of christian work of more importance than this. All schools should use denominational literature. Old and young should engage in the work, because it is the growth of every active church. Respectfully submitted.

W. B. MCLURE, }
J. T. MCLEAN, } Committee.
JOHN LOWRY, }

Adjourned, prayer by Elder Morris.

Report on Temperance.

Your committee on Temperance recommend that the resolution passed by the Association last year, be strictly carried out. We believe it the duty of every Christian to promote the cause of Temperance to the fullest of his ability.

Jas. Broomfield,
G. M. Whitener,
J. R. Underwood, } Committee.

Report on State Missions.

Your committee on State Missions refer with pleasure to the fact that there are greater labors going on this year than ever before. The Missionaries are occupying positions both in towns and in the country. Their labors have been attended with the most pleasing results. Houses of worship have been commenced or finished, Churches have been organized, and many precious souls have been converted and baptized. There has been a lack during the past year of liberality extended to this work by the Churches. We would commend it to the pastors within our bounds, and urge that they bring it before their churches, at least every three months in the year, and ask for contributions to carry on this great work.

J. K. Faulkner,
W. F. Hull,
J. A. Williams, } Committee.

Report on Education.

Believing that no government, priest or preacher has the right to dictate to any man what shall be his religion, but that each human being shall read the Word of God for himself, believe for himself, be baptized for himself, and judge for himself, (for at the final day of accounts he will have to answer for himself,) therefore it is our duty as Baptists to do all we can to advocate the cause. We, as Baptists, should be the untiring advocates and supporters of education. For how can porsons proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ without an education? Brethren, if you wish your children to have an interest in our work, as a denomination, in the salvation of souls, and in the extension of the Messiah's Kingdom, give them a liberal education, enlarge and expand their minds with knowledge, and you have used the most efficient means for the same. If you have fifty dollars to bequeath to your child, do not put it in his pocket, but put it in his head. We recommend that this Association endeavor to aid in the support of those young brethren that are preparing for the ministry. We also recommend that more attention be given to the education of children in our own families.

C. M. Murchison,
J. A. Hansel,
E. Smith, } Committee.

Report on Sabbath-Schools.

In the letters received from the Churches, there is silence manifested in the Sunday-School work that leads us to fear that the great work is not progressing as its importance demands. We would therefore urge more earnestness upon the part of our brethren and churches who have no Sunday-School, to carry on their noble enterprise, and hasten the day when all the churches may report flourishing Sunday-Schools.

G. C. Rhyne,
S. A. Stroup,
E. V. Senter, } Committee.

The Chair appointed a committee of five on motion of J. F. Morris, to advise in a difficulty existing between Hickory Grove and Providence 2nd, of the South Fork Association and Long Creek and Corinth churches of the King's Mountain Association, whose names will appear with the report.

Resolved, 1st. That we the South Fork Association insist that Long Creek and Corinth churches of the King's Mountain Association recind their action relative to excluded members from Hickory Grove and Providence 2nd, of this Association, whom they have received into their fellowship.

Resolved, 2nd. That should these churches fail so to do, that the Moderator of this body make complaint to the Moderator of King's Mountain Association against said churches for violation of Baptist usage and church courtesy.

C. M. MURCHISON,
W. F. FITE,
B. STROUP,
J. L. GRICE,
J. F. CLICK,
} Committee.

Remarks by Elders Murchison, Morris and Durham.

Committee on time and place for next meeting of Association recommend Warlick's Chapel, Burke county. Elder G. W. Gardner, preacher; Elder J. A. Hoyle, alternate.

Resolved, That this Association extend to the members of this church and community, thanks for their kind attention and hospitality during this session.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

During the year we have granted accounts as follows:

Maiden, J. A. Hoyle	$30 00
Penelope, C. M. Murchison	30 00
Burington or New Hope, J. A. Hoyle	20 60
Expenses	2 50
	$82 50
On hand last Association	$26 65
Received during year, S. P.	3 25
Received at Association	61 80
Warlick's and Penelope	10 00
	$103 70
	$ 82 50
	$21 20
Expenses	$2 50

At 11 o'clock the Association welcomed Elder C. Durham, Secretary of Mission Board of Baptist State Con-

vention, and heard him on State Missions, after which the churches met their pledges and increased them fifty dollars, $22.50 by collection and $27.50 by subscription to be paid by November 9th, 1887.

Elder Elam reported as a visitor from the King's Mountain Association.

Adjourned, prayer by Bro. J. F. Click.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Committee submitted the following report on State Missions:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

During the past Conventional year the State Mission Board has employed more missionaries than in any past year of its history. Brother John E. Ray, after so many years of faithful labor in bringing State Missions to its present usefulness, has retired as secretary. Brother C. Durham has been appointed to fill the vacancy, with the blessings of providence let each church and individual give him their hearty support. In our own midst we have had the labors of brethren G. W. Gardner, J. A. Hoyle, J. F. Morris, and C. M. Murchison, all of whom have met with very good success. We recommend that every church increase its pledges one dollar for this object next year.

C. M. MURCHISON,
A. P. ARNEY,
C. YOUNG,
} Committee.

On motion of J. A. Hoyle a collection was taken for Bruington church, cash $7.75 and subscription $12.60.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The heathen population of the world is set down at eight hundred and fifty-six millions, who have no knowledge of Jesus Christ as the Savior of lost and ruined sinners. Now if the christian world does not give them the gospel, and the poor heathen are to perish without it, then admit that one soul is worth more than this world, here are more than eight hundred and fifty-six million worlds like ours lost that never can be recovered. The great command given by our Lord Jesus Christ to his deciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Now let us as co-workers with Him, obey the command by giving of our means to support our brethren who have left their native homes and beloved ones and gone into foreign fields to preach the gospel of the blessed son of God.

J. A. HOYLE.
W. W. RANKIN,
J. W. HANSEL,
} Committee.

Remarks by Elder J. H. Marsh. Adopted.

On motion of Elder C. Durham the following were appointed a committee to look after the Colportage work in the South Fork Association: C. M. Murchison, J. F. Click and J. S. Bridges.

On motion of C. M. Murchison for each church of this body to make a contribution to the orphans in the month of December next.

On Motion of W. A. Graham the collection of to-morrow be given to Associational Missions, was adopted.

The Chair appointed the following committee to report on Ministerial students:

J. A. Hoyle, J. F. Morris, Wade Sanders, J. R. Underwood, Jas. Mullen.

The Clerk was instructed to superintend the printing of the Minutes and retain six dollars for his service.

Adjourned to meet with Warlick's Chapel church, Burke county, six miles west of Hickory.

Prayer by Elder J. H. Marsh.

SUNDAY MORNING.

At 10 o'clock Sunday School speeches were made by Elders Hoyle, Marsh and Durham.

At 11 o'clock Elder C. Durham preached at the stand from Hebrews, 11th chapter and 1st verse, a very interesting sermon.

A collection of $11.40 was raised for Associational Missions.

At 1 o'clock, P. M., Elder Elam preached.

CONSTITUTION.

1st. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2nd. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the church to which they belong, to support the gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sabbath Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Babtist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3rd. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and

one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty.

4th. Its officers shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected annually by ballot; the Clerk shall be *ex officio* Treasurer.

5th. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons annually appointed by the Moderator. who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.

6th. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7th. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8th. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Association shall be: Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be: Meet at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., adjourn at 12:30 o'clock, p. m., meet at 1:30 o'clock, p. m., adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

Resolved, That every church for the good of the cause of Christianity discountenance in their members the making, selling or using as a beverage, intoxicating drinks, or holding office of storekeeper or other office in the liquor department of the Internal Rev. enue Service, and if, after being admonished by the church they refuse to obey, we believe the church will be justifiable in withdrawing fellowship from such members as not hearing the Church, but walking in darkness.

Resolved, That we will as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Orphanage.
Macedonia	$ 1 15	$ 1 55	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Buhama	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 4 40	.....
Mt. Zion	1 35	5 25	3 51	.....	$ 3 00	3 00	.....
Hickory Grove	1 85	15 00	5 00	5 00	1 50	1 50	.....
Newton	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hickory	95	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincolnton	1 00	.....	.....	3 60	.....	.....	.....
Salem	75	4 09	3 50	.....	1 16	1 95	.....
Sandy Plains	1 94	4 75	4 00	2 00	5 00	.....	$ 2 00
Warlick's	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mountain Grove	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thesalonica	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kidd's Chapel	1 00	12 00	4 05	3 60	.....	25	86
Catawba	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Link's Chapel	60	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....
Olivet	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon	40	1 00	3 00	.....	1 00	2 00	.....
McAdenville	1 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	.....
Liberty Hill	25	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope	45	21 50	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Hebron, (J L. Grice)	1 60	5 00	4 50	.....	5 00	5 00	1 00
Mull's Chapel	10	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	40
Povidence, 2nd	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	50	50	65
Providence, 1st	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fellowship	2 00	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....
Totals	$22 44	$63. 85	$31 56	$20 54	$21 16	$22 60	$4 91

Amount received for all objects.....$186 45

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. BRIDGES, for Com.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Constituted.	ADDITIONS. Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismis'd. By Letter.	Excluded.	By Death.	Total.	Present Membership.
Catawba	1875	6	.....	...	.....	2	...	...	...	45
Bruington	1863	4	4	2	10	...	...	1	...	22
Fellowship	1874	.....	4	...	4	5	21	2	28	106
Hickory	1870	9	8	...	17	6	8	1	15	85
Hickory Grove	1873	29	3	2	34	8	..	5	13	227
Hebron	1883	7	11	...	.....	1	3	...	...	92
Kid's Chapel	1872	6	1	...	7	.	...	...	...	136
Lebanon	1855	16	7	1	.....	...	1	...	...	52
Lincolnton	1859	.....	3	...	3	1	...	...	1	31
Link's Chapel	1884	.....	.....	...	.....	10	1	...	11	50
Liberty Hill	1879	.....	.....	...	.....	..	...	1	...	19
Macedonia	1869	4	1	...	.....	...	2	1	...	215
Mull's Chapel	1873	9	7	...	.....	...	..	2	...	43
Olivet	.....	17	3	1	.....	...	...	1	...	75
Mountain Grove	1881	.....	2	..	.....	2	2	...	...	52
Mt. Ruhama	1816	7	3	2	12	2	2	1	5	189
Mt. Zion	1869	9	11	...	20	5	3	3	11	180
Newton	1881	3	4	...	7	...	...	...	...	22
Providence, 1st	1852	.....	.....	...	. ...	...	...	...	...	.....
Providence, 2nd	1878	.....	.....	...	.....	...	12	6	...	40
Salem	1854	2	4	...	6	..	..	...	...	108
Sandy Plains	.....	26	3	1	30	2	1	7	10	169
Thesalonica	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....
Warlick's Chapel	.....	9	2	1	12	2	2	3	7	134
McAdenville	1887	8	.....	...	8	...	...	1	...	30
Totals	.....	171	75	10	170	46	56	34	22	2232

Two churches not reported; last report 100.

Total Membership.....2,332.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. GARDNER,
A. D. ROBINSON,
JOHN CONISTER,
} Committee.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary	Asociational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions.	Educational Board.	Baptist Orphanage.	Sunday School Literature.	Minutes.	Other Items.	Judson Memorial.	Church Expenses.	Totals.
....													
New Hope.....	.....	$ 2 50	$ 1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 45	.....	.....	.....	$ 4 35
Fellowship.....	.....	.....	3 23	$ 4 50	$ 2 27	$ 1 26	.....	.....	2 00	.....	$ 45	.....	13 71
Hebron.....	.....	5 00	4 50	5 00	5 00	.....	$ 1 00	.....	1 60	.....	.....	.....	22 10
Hickory	$ 200 00	5 00	37 20	23 75	.....	.....	.....	$48 17	95	$33 80	.....	$92 64	638 03
Hickory Grove.....	.....	15 00	14 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	1 85	11 00	3 80	.....	60 65
Kid's Chapel.....	200 00	12 00	8 90	6 00	6 04	3 69	4 54	2 50	2 00	....	.....	.....	244 87
Lincolnton.....	50 00	.....	5 54	10 75	3 48	.....	4 55	6 64	.....	3 25	1 10	.....	86 31
Link's Chapel.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	50 60
Liberty Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	25
Macedonia	100 00	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	.....	103 10
Mull's Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mountain Grove.....	100 00	4 10	4 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	123 20
Mt. Ruhama.....	100 00	.....	5 00	5 00	4 10	.....	.....	.....	1 05	.....	.....	.....	115 15
Mt. Zion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 35	.....	.....	.....	1 35
Newton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence 1st.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence, 2nd.....	65 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	65 90
Salem	75 00	.....	.....	.....	3 15	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	70 60	148 90
Sandy Plains.....	125 00	8 00	4 00	5 00	7 00	2 00	2 00	.....	75	.....	.....	4 20	157 95
Warlick's Chapel.....	130 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	.....	.....	80	1 55	.....	.....	154 35
Catawba.....	100 00	5 00	5 70	4 20	1 10	2 90	1 25	2 79	50	.....	.....	.....	123 44
Olivet.....	90 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00
McAdensville.....	60 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	71 00
Totals..... ...	$1445 00	$63 50	$104 92	$81 10	$45 01	$21 89	$13 34	$56 60	$17 55	$49 60	$5 35	$16684	$2290 71

Collections at Asssociation: Associational Missions $11.43, State Missions $22.50, Educational Board $3.03, Baptist Orphanage $6.24 Mrs. Upton $7 15.

NOTE --Hickory Church $193.52 Church Building.

PLEDGES FOR 1888.

CHURCHES.	Associational Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	AGENTS FOR HOME MISSIONS.
New Hope	$ 3 00	$ 1 50	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	Jno. Hoover
Hebron	3 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	G. Underwood
Hickory	5 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	B. F. Whitesides.
Hickory Grove	12 00	9 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	L. T. Smith
Kid's Chapel	12 00	10 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	4 00	T. J. Womack
Lebanon	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	E. W. Wilkerson.
Lincolnton	1 00	6 00	12 00	3 50	4 00	5 00	E. H. Cauble
Link's Chapel	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	Hosea Parker
Liberty Hill					1 00		Daniel Carpenter.
Macedonia	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	J. S. Perkens
Mull's Chapel	1 00	1 00	2 00		1 00	1 00	A. M. Williams
Mountain Grove	2 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	C. Sigmon
Mt. Ruhama	2 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	S. L. Bollinger
Mt. Zion	15 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	Moses Bynum
Newton		2 00					W. W. Bridges
Providence, 1st	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		1 00	Jas. Wilkey
Providence, 2nd	1 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	1 00		J. J. Hicks
Salem	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	Jno. Hansell
Sandy Plains	8 00	8 00	6 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	Joseph Lanier
Warlick's Chapel	5 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	1 50	M. C Hilderbrand
Fellowship	2 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	Geo Armstrong
Catawba	5 00	5 70	4 20	2 00	2 90	2 00	Miss S. A. Bridges
McAdenville	2 00			2 00	1 00		— Reynoles
Penelope	2 50	5 00	2 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	J. K. Bobbitt.
Olivet	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00			P. R. Blackburn.
Totals	$97 50	$10320	$79 76	$62 50	$57 90	$44 50	
Total							$445 30.

DIRECTORY.

Churches.	Counties.	Pastors.	Post Offices.	Clerks.	Post Offices	Time of Service.
New Hope	Gaston	J A Hoyle	Iron Station	J Hansel	Stanley Creek	3rd Sunday
Fellowship	"	J K Faulkner	Shelby	R M Gaston	Belmont	
Hebron	"	J F Morris	Stanley Creek	J L Grice	Mountain Island	4th Sunday
Hickory	Catawba.	G W Gardner	Hickory	A C Jones	Hickory	2d & 4th Sunday
Hickory Grove	Gaston	J F Morris	Stanley Creek.			
Kidd's Chapel	Lincoln	J F Morris	Stanley Creek.	W A Graham	Mackpelah	1st & 3rd Sunday
Lebanon	Catawba.	J A Hoyle	Iron Station	J F Killian	Chronicle	1st Sunday
Liberty Hill	Lincoln			Daniel Carpenter.	Reepsville	
Lincolnton	"	J K Faulkner	Shelby	L T Wilkie	Lincolnton	
Link's Chapel	"	J A Hoyle	Iron Station	G W Edwards	Iron Station	2nd Sunday
Macedonia	"	J A Hoyle	Iron Station			
Mountain Grove	Catawba.	C M Murchison	Hickory	D A Whisnant	Hickory	
Mt. Ruhama	"	J A Hoyle	Iron Station	S L Bollinger	Maiden	
Mt. Zion	Lincoln	J A Hoyle	Iron Station	D F Abernethy	Stanley Creek	
Mull's Chapel	Burke	P A Whitner	Morganton	P M Mull	Morganton	
Newton	Catawba.	G W Gardner	Hickory	W W Bridges	Newton	
Providence, 1st	"					
Providence, 2nd	"	J T Shell		J J Hicks	Mull's Grove	
Salem	Lincoln	J A Hoyle	Iron Station			
Sandy Plains	Gaston	J F Morris	Stanley Creek	J D Smith	Bowling, Green S. C.	
Thesalonica	Catawba.					
Warlick's	Burke	C M Murchison	Hickory	L Warlick		
Catawba	Catawba.	C M Murchison	Hickory	M J Cochran	Catawba	2nd Sunday
McAdenville	Gaston	A J McManaway	Charlotte			4th Sunday
Olivet	Catawba.	J B Marsh	Catawba	J Brown	Catawba	3rd Sunday

Sabbath School Superintendents, Churches and Post Offices: Hickory, M. L. Watson, Hickory; Kid's Chapel, C. G. Tucker, Kidsville; Lebanon, J. F. Killian, Chroncile; Catawba, J. S. Bridges, Catawba; Olivet, Wade Sanders.

MINUTES

OF THE

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH FORK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT WARLICK'S CHAPEL,

OCTOBER 18TH, 19TH AND 20TH, 1888.

REV. J. F. MORRIS, MODERATOR . . . . . STANLEY'S CREEK, N. C.
J. THOS. McLEAN, CLERK . . . . . LINCOLNTON, N. C.

☞ Next meeting will be held with the Church at Olivet, six miles from Catawba, on the W. N. C. R. R., on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1889.

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23 Sandy Plains . . . . R. H Smith
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25 Warlick's Chapel . . . A. J. Cooke.

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CHURCHES REPRESENTED AS FOLLOWS.

1 BRUINGTON . . . . . Elder J. F. Morris, A. Hovis
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3. FELLOWSHIP . . . . . G M. Armstrong, J. B Smith
4 HEBRON . . . . . J. R. Underwood, S. L. Gryder
5 HICKORY . . . . . R. L. White, J. P. Jones
6 HICKORY GROVE . . . . . G. M. Shives, G. C. Rhyne, Wm. Skidmore
7 KID'S CHAPEL . . . . . W A. Graham
8 LEBANON . . . . . By Letter
9 LINCOLNTON . . . . . J. Thos. McLean
10 LINK'S CHAPEL . . . . . D. E. Lineberger, J. Morrison
11 MACEDONIA . . . . . M. M. Burke
12 MULL'S CHAPEL . . . . . P. M. Mull
13 MOUNTAIN GROVE . . . . . C. Baker, B. Baker, D. A. Whisnant
14 MT. RUHAMA . . . . . D E. Wilson, Lee Setzer
15 MT. ZION . . . . . Elder W. B. McLure, H. N. Abernethy, B. Stroup
16 MCADENSVILLE . . . . . W. B. Zimmerman, A. L. D. Bumgarner
17 NEWTON . . . . . W. W. Bridges
18 OLIVET . . . . . D. P. Bridges, W. W. Ervin, Austin Fox
19 PROVIDENDE, IST . . . . . J. A. Wilkie, H. C. Hewitt
20 PROVIDENCE, 2ND . . . . . Jno. Johnson, J. J. Hicks, H. Burnes
21 PENELOPE . . . . . Elder C. M. Murchison, J. F. Click
22 SALEM . . . . . Elder J. A. Hoyle, Jas. I. Allen, John Hovis, John Pasour
23 SANDY PLAINS . . . . . E. M. Smith
24 THESALONICA . . . . . P. W. Bangle, J. W. Rhyne
25 WARLICK'S CHAPEL . . . . . R. F. Sides, A. J. Cook, J. B. Glass

PROCEEDINGS.

Thursday, October 18th, 1888.

At 11:30 a.m. Elder W. R. Gwaltney preached the introductory sermon, using as a text Mark 2:5.

Dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional exercises by Elder J. M. Bridges.

Association called to order by Elder C. M. Murchison, pastor at Warlick's Chapel.

Elder C. M. Murchison was elected Moderator pro tem., and J. Thos. McLean clerk pro tem.

Letters were read from churches. J. F. Click and D. P. Bridges acted as reading clerks.

The Association organized by electing Elder J. F. Morris Moderator and J. Thos. McLean clerk.

Elder J. M. Bridges reported as a visitor from the King's Mountain Association.

Elder R. L. Limerick reported as a correspondent from the King's Mountain Association.

Elder J. B. Marsh reported as a correspondent from the South Yadkin Association.

Elder W. R. Gwaltney, representative of the State Mission Board.

The following committees were appointed, whose names will appear with their reports :—Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Association Missions, Education, Sunday Schools, Statistics, etc.

Committee on Religious Exercises composed of pastor and deacons of Warlick Chapel.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder R. L. Limerick.

Friday Morning, October 19th, 1888.

Devotional exercises by Elder J. B. Marsh

Minutes read and approved.

Letter received from Zoar Baptist Church, of the Catawba River Association, wishing to unite with the South Fork Association The matter is referred to a committee. Committee report that the

South Fork Association can take no action, as Zoar Church has no letter of dismission from the Catawba River Association.

The following delegates from Zoar Church received as visitors:—O. K. Speagle, J. P. Hoffman.

Elder Wm. Abernethy reported as a visitor from Mountain Grove.

Elder John T. Shull reported as a correspondent from the Caldwell Association.

Report on Baptist Orphanage read by Elder J. M. Bridges and after remarks by J. M. Bridges and W. R. Gwaltney, continued till to-morrow.

Report on foreign Missions.

In this department of Christian work our labor has been greatly rewarded, and hundreds and thousands of the heathen have been brought to Christ within the last fifty years. Let us continue to obey our Lord's command, to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Though we may not all be called to preach, we can do a great deal by sharing with them our money, coupled with our prayers.

R. L. LIMERICK,
J. B. SMITH,
S. L. GRYDER,
} Committee.

Remarks by Elder R. L. Limerick, W. A. Graham, Elder J. R. Jones, Elder W. R. Gwaltney, Elder J. B. Marsh. Adopted.

On motion of Elder J. B. Marsh that we co-operate with the Yadkin Association and South Yadkin Association in support of a missionary in China. Remarks by Elder J. A. Hoyle, W. A. Graham, A. J. Cook. Motion carried.

Elder Isaac Oxford reported as correspondent from the Caldwell Association.

J. S. Bridges was appointed a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Delegates were appointed to the State Convention as follows: J. S. Bridges, W. A. Graham, Elders J. A. Hoyle, J. F. Morris, W. B. McClure, D. P. Bridges.

Adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional exercises by Elder W. B. McClure.

Report on Periodicals.

We know nothing that is more indicative of the character of a people than the literature they read. In this age people will read something. Our land is flooded with reading matter, much of which is poisonous to the young minds of our country. We as Baptists ought to feel it our duty to give our people something interesting, enlight-

ening and wholesome, also profitable to the spiritual growth of our people. We feel we have all this in our denominational paper, the *Biblical Recorder*.

For use in our Sunday Schools we would suggest *The Baptist Teacher* and *Kind Words*. We also recommend *The Gospel Herald* and for information in regard to our Foreign Fields *The Foreign Mission Journal*.

D. P. BRIDGES,
B. STROUP,
A. HOVIS. } Committee.

Remarks by Elders D. P. Bridges, J. R. Jones, J. M. Bridges, W. R Gwaltney. Adopted.

On motion the report on State Missions was continued for special order at 10:30 a. m. Saturday.

Report on Place of Next Meeting,

We recommend Olivet as place of next meeting. Elder W. B. McClure to preach Introductory Sermon. Elder D. P. Bridges alternate.

A. J. COOK,
J R. UNDERWOOD,
J. L. RHYNE, } Committee.

Motion that Article 8th of Constitution be changed by striking out 3rd Sabbath and insertiug 4th Sabbath. Remarks by Elder C. M. Murchison, Elder J. R. Jones, W. A. Graham and Elder J. A. Hoyle. Motion carried.

Report on Education.

One of the objects of this Association, and by no means the least important, is to aid in educating men called of God to the Ministry.

As an efficient aid to accomplish this end we have Wake Forest College, an institution which offers advantages to young men preparing for the Ministry which are offered by no similar institution in the State. A large number of the most earnest and efficient Ministers in North Carolina have been aided by the Board of Education at Wake Forest College. This is true of several of our Missionaries in the Foreign Fields.

Forty students were aided there last year, and more would have been aided but for want of means at the command of the Board.

We earnestly urge the churches to increased liberality in contributing to the cause of Ministerial Education. We also take pleasure in commending as a primary and preparatory school Penelope Academy, for male and female, under the control of Elder C. M. Murchison, and bespeak for it a more liberal patronage.

For higher female education we have Oxford, Murfreesboro, Shelby and Thomasville Female Colleges, all first class schools, which we commend to those wishing to give their daughters the advantages of a collegiate education.

J. B. MARSH,
J. F. CLICK, } Committee.

Remarks by Elder J. R. Jones, Elder C. M. Murchison and W. A. Graham. Adopted.

Letter from Mull's Chapel requesting the Association to assist in educating a young minister, Ambrose A. Williams Referred to Committee on Ministerial Education.

Report of Committee on Difficulty Between Churches.

Your committee appointed to investigate the cause of the difficulty existing between the church at Providence 2nd of this Association, and the church at Corinth of the Kings Mountain Association, recommend the church at Providence 2nd to send a committee of judicious brethren to the church at Corinth, to lay the matter of grievance before them, and seek to settle it in the spirit of Christ without giving further trouble to the Association,

We also recommend, concerning the difficulty between the churches at Hickory Grove and Long Creek, that Hickory Grove church by committee lay their complaint before the Long Creek church and strive with Christian spirit to have the matter properly adjusted, We, the committee, unhesitatingly say that for one Baptist church to receive excluded members from another Baptist church without a careful investigation of the charges for which they were excluded, and the manner of trial, is both unsafe and unbaptistic,

J. A. HOYLE,
W. R. GWALTNEY, } Committee.
J. M. BRIDGES.

Adopted.

Adjourned till 9:30 a. m. Saturday.

Prayer by W. A. Graham.

Saturday Morning, October 20th, 1888.

Devotional exercises by Elder J. F. Morris and Elder D. P. Bridges.

Minutes read and approved.

Elder R. M. Patton reported as a correspondent from Catawba River Association.

Report on Sunday Schools.

Your committee beg leave to report that by reference to the Church letters they find that out of a membership of 2156 only 496 are engaged in Sunday School work. This is a bad showing of our interest in the good work Surely we do not yet appreciate its importance We cannot afford to lose the great amount of good accomplished in Sunday Schools, and would urge the pastors, and the few Sunday School workers, to use all possible effort to establish them in every church within the bounds of our Association

The Sunday School Board is working to have a Sunday School Convention organized in each Association, and as we believe such organizations would do much good we would recommend that this Association take steps at once looking to such Convention.

Respectfully, J. S. BRIDGES,
J. R. UNDERWOOD, } Committee.
D. A. WHISNANT,

Remarks by Elder W. R. Gwaltney and Elder J. B. Marsh. Adopted.

Arrangements for organizing a Sunday School Convention referred to the Executive Committee.

Report on State Missions.

The State Mission Board has eighty-seven missionaries and thirteen colporteurs in the field. These men are laboring in town and country, and are doing efficient work. Twenty years ago nearly all the towns in our State were without Baptist churches and Baptist preaching. Now in nearly every important town in North Carolina we have a church and faithful preaching.

But much yet remains to be done. In the east there are several whole counties in which we have no church and no minister. In Guilford, Alamance, Randolph, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Gaston, Lincoln and Catawba counties, the truth as we believe it is but little known. There is need of more laborers in the harvest, and of greater liberality on the part of our people. Every member of every church should feel called upon to aid in this work.

W. R. GWALTNEY,
G. C RHYNE,
GEO. M. ARMSTRONG,
} Committee.

Remarks by Elder W. R. Gwaltney, representative State Mission Board, and Rev. J. R. Jones. Adopted.

Penelope Baptist church makes application for admittance into this Association.

A Presbytery consisting of Revs. J. B. Marsh, W. R. Gwaltney, J. M. Bridges, W. B. McClure, J. R. Jones, and Deacons J. S. Bridges and Jeremiah Morrison met at Penelope Academy, three miles west of Hickory in Burke county, on Friday, the 19th of October, 1888, and constituted a church of forty-six members.

The sermon was preached by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, of Greensboro. After the sermon Rev. J. B. Marsh was elected chairman of the Presbytery, and Rev. J. R. Jones secretary. The church then proceeded to elect Rev. C. M. Murchison pastor, and Brethren J. F. Click and J. K. Bobbitt deacons. The Presbytery then proceeded to ordain the deacons. Rev. J. R. Jones led in the ordaining prayer, and Rev. J. B. Marsh delivered the charge. J. B. Marsh, W. R. Gwaltney, J. M. Bridges, W. B. McClure, J. S. Bridges, Jeremiah Morrison, J. R. Jones, clerk.

Referred to a committeee consisting of Elders J. R. Jones, J. B. Marsh and D. P. Bridges.

Collection taken up for State Missions, to meet the deficiency for 1888, amounting to $17.40, and paid over to Rev. W. R. Gwaltney. Pledges taken for next year.

Motion by Elder C. M. Murchison that a committee be appointed to divide this Association into three sections, not to meet in the same section two years in succession. Motion carried.

Adjourned for dinner. Prayer by Elder R. M. Patton.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional exercises by Elder J. B. Marsh.

Report of Executive Committee.

On hand last report		$30.10
Received during the year		23.15
Received at the Association		61.00
		$114.25
Paid J. A. Hoyle, Bruington	$40.00	
" J. A. Hoyle, Maiden	20.00	
" C. M. Murchison, Penelope	40.00	100.00
Balance on hand		$14.25

W. A. GRAHAM, Secretary. J. S. BRIDGES, Chairman.

Report on Baptist Orphanage.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report. The Orphanage is one of the Christlike enterprises, and should be bountifully sustained by the Baptists of North Carolina, from the fact that it is an institution of our own State and denomination.

It now has on hand a building 24x90 feet unfinished, and stands in great need of the necessary means to complete it.

It is also in need of clothing and shoes.

It now numbers 92 children.

J. M. BRIDGES,
W. B. MCCLURE,
G. M. SHIVES,
} Committee.

Remarks by J. W. Oliver, of the Orphanage, Elder C. M. Murchison, Elder J. F. Morris. Report adopted.

Collection for Orphanage amounting to $14.26 and paid to J. W. Oliver.

Report on Penelope submitted and adopted. Penelope church admitted into the Association.

Report on finance submitted and adopted. See report on another page.

Report on Home Missions.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report: The territory covered by the Home Mission Board embraces Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Indian Territory and Cuba. It supports between 250 and 300 Missionaries. Great success has attended their efforts. Many churches have been organized, houses of worship built, and thousands are added to onr number annually. The prospects in Cuba are most encouraging, in many respects the most wonderful of modern Missionary work; the people long u der the Roman yoke are turniug to our Missionaries for relief. Two men of prominence have recently been received into fellowship who will at once enter the Ministry. The commonality are much stirred by Baptist preaching. The wonderful success our Missionaries are making should cause every lover of our blessed Master to lend a helping hand. What say you, Brethren?

J. A. HOYLE,
A. J. COOK,
J. J. PASAUER,
} Committee.

Remarks by Elder J. A. Hoyle, W. A. Graham, Elder J. R. Jones. Adopted.

Committee on Ministerial Education continued.

On motion G. M. Shives the churches of this Association make pledges to assist in paying a note now standing against Bruington church, to be given in memory of Rev. T. W. Upton, deceased, who worked for so many years to keep the church from being blotted from existence. Pledges were taken and may be found under head of "Pledges for 1889.

Report on statistics submitted and adopted.

On motion of W. A. Graham the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and heartily tendered to members of this church (Warlick's Chapel) and citizens in the community for their generous hospitality.

Committee on division of Association into sections submit the following report:

First Section or District—Bruington, Fellowship, Hebron, Hickory Grove, Mt. Zion, Sandy Plains, McAdensville.

Second District—Kid's Chapel, Lebanon, Lincolnton, Link's Chapel, Macedonia, Mt. Ruhama, Newton, Providence 1st, Salem, Catawba, Olivet.

Third District—Hickory, Mountain Grove, Mull's Chapel, Providence 2nd, Thesalonica, Warlick's Chapel, Penelope.

J. J. PASAUER,
GEO. M ARMSTRONG, } Committee.
L. WARLICK,

Adopted.

On motion of W. A. Graham the clerk is instructed to superintend the printing of the minutes and retain $5.00 for his services.

On motion of W. A. Graham that a collection be taken to-morrow for State Missions.

Adjourned to meet with the church at Olivet, six miles from Catawba, on the W. N. C. R. R., on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1889.

CONSTITUTION.

1st. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2nd. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the Ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sabbath Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3rd. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty.

4th. Its officers shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected annually by ballot; the Clerk shall be *ex officio* Treasurer.

5th. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons annually appointed by the Moderator, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.

6th. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7th. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8th. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October.

RULES OF ORDER,

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Associatton shall be: Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, and such Special Committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be: Meet at 9:30 a. m.: adjourn at 12 30 p, m.; meet at 1.30 p. m.; adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered,

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

Resolved, That every church for the good of the cause of Christianity discountenance in their members the making, selling or using as a beverage, intoxicating drinks, or holding office of storekeeper or other office in the liquor department of the Internal Revenue Service, and if, after being admonished by the church they refuse to obey, we believe the church will be justifiable in withdrawing fellowship from such members as not hearing the church, but walking in darkness.

Resolved, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Amount Received at Association.

CHURCHES.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Minister.	Aggregate.
Bruington	$3 00	$1 50	$1 00	$1 00	$1 00	$1 00	$ 80	$9 30
Catawba	. .	5 70	. .	. .	2 75	2 00	50	10 95
Fellowship	. .	1 28	. .	. .	1 28	. .	1 50	4 06
Hebron	3 00	4 00	2 00	. .	2 00	2 00	1 80	14 80
Hickory	5 00	. .	3 22	5 00	2 75	5 22	1 15	22 34
Hickory Grove	12 00	. .	. .	.	. .	. .	2 50	14 50
Kid's Chapel	. .	. .	87	2 35	. .	1 43	1 20	5 85
Lebanon	1 00	2 00	30	. .	. .	75	10	4 15
Lincolnton	1 00	6 00	12 00	3 50	4 00	5 00	1 00	32 50
Link's Chapel	90	1 00	. .	. .	. .	1 00	30	3 20
Macedonia	3 90	3 00	2 00	1 00	.	1 60	70	12 20
Mull's Chapel	50	2 00	. .	. .	. .	. .	60	3 10
Mountain Grove	1 70	4 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	16 70
Mt. Ruhama	4 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	. .	. .	1 10	13 10
Mt. Zion	3 60	5 00	3 00	2 60	. .	. .	90	15 10
McAdenville	2 00	. .	. .	2 00	1 00	. .	1 00	6 00
Newton	. .	2 00	. .	. .	. .	. .	50	2 50
Olivet	1 25	2 75	2 00	. .	. .	2 00	60	8 60
Providence 1st	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	. .	1 00	50	9 50
Providence 2d	1 00	2 00	. .	. .	1 00	. .	80	4 80
Penelope	1 00	5 00	2 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	15 50
Salem	. .	3 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 35	13 35
Sandy Plains	8 00	. .	. .	. .	3 00	2 00	1 25	14 25
Theselonica	1 25	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	75	2 00
Warlick's Chapel	5 00	. .	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	1 15	14 65
	$61 10	$55 23	$41 89	$30 45	$27 78	$32 50	$24 05	$273 00

PLEDGES FOR 1889.

CHURCHES.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Bruington Church.	Aggregate.
Bruington	$4 00	$3 00	$5 00	$1 00	$2 00	$1 00	$ . .	$16 00
Catawba	5 00	8 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	27 00
Fellowship	2 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	*a* 2 00	18 00
Hebron	2 00	5 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	21 00
Hickory	5 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	2 00	47 00
Hickory Grove	12 00	10 00	7 50	5 00	5 00	2 00	*a* 5 00	46 50
Kid's Chapel	12 00	10 00	10 00	6 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	50 00
Lebanon	2 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	. .	13 00
Lincolnton	1 00	4 00	12 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	. .	29 00
Link's Chapel	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	. .	1 00	1 00	9 00
Macedonia	2 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	*a* 2 00	15 00
Mull's Chapel	1 00	1 50	2 00	. .	2 00	1 00	1 00	8 50
Mountain Grove	2 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	18 00
Mt. Ruhama	2 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	19 00
Mt. Zion	10 00	5 00	10 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	32 00
McAdensville	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	.	9 00
Newton	. .	2 00	2 00	.	. .	. .	. .	4 00
Olivet	4 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	. .	2 00	. .	20 00
Providence 1st	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	. .	1 00	. .	9 00
Providence 2nd	1 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	10 00
Penelope	1 50	5 00	2 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	2 00	14 50
Salem	5 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	22 00
Sandy Plains	7 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	34 00
Thesalonica	2 00	2 00	2 50	2 00	. .	. .	. .	8 50
Warlick's Chapel	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 50	4 00	. .	15 00
Private	. .	. .	13 00	. .	. .	. .	. .	13 00
Collection	. .	. .	4 10	. .	. .	. .	. .	4 10
	$91 50	$111 50	$132 60	$58 00	$51 50	$53 00	$34 00	$532 10

The private pledges, amounting to $13.00, as in above table, are divided as follows: Rev. C. M. Murchison, Penelope, $5.00; B. Stroup, Mt. Zion, $1.00; G. M. Shives, Hickory Grove, *x*50c; Wm. Skidmore, Hickory Grove *x*50c; D. M. Smith, $1.00; W. W. Bridges, Newton, $1.00; Mrs C. M. Murchison, Penelope, $1.00; R. L. White, Hickory, $1.00; Dr B. F. Whitesides, Hickory, *x*$1.00; Rev. J. A. Hoyle, Salem, $1.00.

x. Paid to J. Thos. McLean, Clerk.

a. Paid to Rev. J. A, Hoyle.

Pledges for Bruington to be sent to Rev. J. A. Hoyle, Iron Station, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Constituted	Ordained Ministers.	Increase by				Decrease by				Total Membership.	Sunday School			Volumes in Library.	No. Copies of the Biblical Recorder.	Other Papers.	Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity.
			Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Total.	Letter.	Exclusion	Death.	Total.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Total.					
Bruington	1863	1	5	15	1	21					43					3		$ 350 00	400
Catawba	1875			3		3	7		1	8	53					3	2	2000 00	400
Fellowship	1874		6		1	7	1		2	3	108	10	25	35					
Hebron	1883	1	12	7		19	4	5	2	11	100					2	3	400 00	400
Hickory	1870			3		3	14	4		18	71	13	85	98	100	12	145	2500 00	300
Hickory Grove	1873		10	3	2	15	2	8	2	12	224		30	30		4		1500 00	400
Kid's Chapel	1872			1		1	4	5	2	11	131								
Lebanon	1855						2	5		7	48								
Lincolnton	1859			6	1	7	8	5		13	25	5	30	35		5		1500 00	300
Link's Chapel	1884			3		3	8	1		9	42								
Macedonia	1869		3	1		4	7	6	2	15	175					2		600 00	250
Mull's Chapel	1873		3	1		4	2			2	30								
Mountain Grove	1881	1	1	2	1	4		2		2	54		86	86		2			
Mt. Ruhama	1816		10	1	2	13	3	5	7	15	156						20	400 00	400
Mt. Zion	1869		14			14					182								
McAdensville	1887			19		19	10			10	39								
Newton	1881						5		1	6	17					2			
Olivet			18	4		22	3		1	4	94	5	40	45		5	5		
Providence 1st	1852										31								
Providence 2nd	1878			2	2	4	2			2	46								
Penelope	1888	1	19	3		22					46	7	50	57		3			
Salem	1854	1	7	1	1	9		2	1	3	119	6	75	81	45		3	600 00	300
Sandy Plains			5	1		6		6	2	8	167					3	10	650 00	400
Thesalonica	1856		9	1	1	11	1			1	39					5		600 00	
Warlick's Chapel			13	1	2	16	1		1	2	116	4	25	29					
		5	135	78	14	227	84	54	24	162	2156	50	446	496	145	51	188	11000 00	3550

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions	Education.	Orphanage.	Sunday School For all Objects.	Church Expenses.	Building.	Minutes.	Other Items.	Aggregate.
Bruington	$ . . .	$3 00	$1 50	$1 00	$1 00	$1 00	$1 00	$ . .	$ . .	$227 90	$ 80	$ . .	$237 20
Catawba	100 00	5 00	5 70	4 20	1 10	2 90	1 25	. .	. .	. . .	50	. .	120 65
Fellowship	40 00	. .	1 28	5 43	3 60	1 28	. .	. .	2 90	78 35	1 50	8 43	142 77
Hebron		3 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	. .	. .	. . .	1 80	. .	16 80
Hickory	66 65	5 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	2 75	10 00	84 32	75 94	. . .	1 15	. .	270 81
Hickory Grove	. . .	12 00	9 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 70	. .	. .	. . .	2 50	5 35	49 55
Kid's Chapel	15 00	10 00	10 10	4 87	5 00	3 88	4 00	. .	. .	. . .	1 20	. .	164 05
Lebanon	30 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	. .	.	. .	. .	. . .	10	. .	37 10
Lincolnton	56 28	1 00	6 00	12 00	3 50	4 00	5 00	6 07	5 00	. . .	1 00	. .	99 85
Link's Chapel	36 00	2 00	1 00	. .	. .	. .	1 00	. .	. .	. . .	30	. .	40 30
Macedonia	100 00	3 90	3 00	2 00	1 00	. .	1 60	. .	. .	. . .	70	. .	112 20
Mull's Chapel	. . .	. .	1 00	50	1 00	. .	. .	. .	. .	. . .	60	. .	3 10
Mountain Grove	100 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	. .	. .	. . .	1 00	. .	118 00
Mt. Ruhama	130 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	. .	. .	. .	. .	. . .	1 00	12 00	155 10
Mt. Zion	. . .	2 60	5 00	3 00	2 60	. .	. .	. .	. .	. . .	90	. .	14 10
McAdensville	75 00	2 00	. .	. .	2 00	1 00	. .	. .	. .	. . .	1 00	. .	81 00
Newton	32 50	. .	. .	. .	2 70	. .	. .	. .	. .	. . .	50	. .	35 70
Olivet	125 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	5 00	. .	. .	6 00	5 00	. . .	60	15 00	168 60
Providence 1st	50 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	. .	1 00	. .	. .	. . .	50	. .	59 50
Providence 2nd	75 00	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. . .	80	. .	75 80
Penelope	100 00	2 50	5 00	2 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	5 52	10 00	. . .	1 00	5 00	137 52
Salem	100 00	4 00	3 00	2 00		3 00	2 00	. .	62 50	. . .	1 35	. .	177 85
Sandy Plains	100 00	8 00	8 00	6 00	4 06	3 00	2 00	. .	1 75	. . .	1 25	3 00	137 06
Thesalonica	. . .	1 25	. .	. .	. .	.	. .	. .	. .	. . .	75	. .	2 00
Warlick's Chapel	100 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 75	1 50	. .	. .	. . .	1 15	. .	119 40
	$1541 43	$84 25	$94 58	$75 50	$57 56	$36 56	$42 05	$101 91	$163 09	$306 25	$24 05	$48 78	$2576 01

DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF SERVICE
Bruington	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Iron Station, N. C.	J. T. Morris	Stanley's Creek, N. C.	3rd Sabbath.
Catawba	Catawba	C. M. Murchison.	Penelope, N. C.	M. J. Cochrane	Catawba, N. C.	3rd Sabbath.
Fellowship	Gaston	J. A. White	Black's Station, S. C.	R. M. Gaston	Belmont, N. C.	
Hebron	Gaston	J. F. Morris	Stanley's Creek, N. C.	J. L. Grice.	Mountain Island, N.C	4th Sabbath
Hickory	Catawba			Jas. P. Jones	Hickory, N. C.	2nd and 4th Sabbath.
Hickory Grove	Gaston	J. F. Morris	Stanley's Creek, N. C.	J. M. Holobaugh.	Mt. Holly, N. C.	3rd and 4th Sabbath.
Kid's Chapel	Lincoln	J. F. Morris	Stanley's Creek, N. C.	W. A. Graham	Machpelah, N. C.	1st Sabbath.
Lebanon	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Iron Station, N. C.	J. F. Killian	Chronicle, N. C.	1st Sabbath.
Lincolnton	Lincoln	F. C. Hickson	Yorkville, S. C.	J. Thos. McLean.	Lincolnton, N. C.	3rd Sabbath.
Link's Chapel	Lincoln	W. B. McClure.		Jeremiah Morrison	Iron Station, N. C.	3rd Sabbath.
Macedonia	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Iron Station, N. C.	J Mullen	Derr, N C	1st Sabbath.
Mull's Chapel	Catawba	P. A. Whitner		P. M. Mull	Wortman, N. C.	3rd Sabbath.
Mountain Grove	Catawba	C. M. Murchison.	Penelope, N. C.	D. A. Whisnant	Hickory, N. C.	1st Sabbath.
Mt. Ruhama	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Iron Station, N. C.	Lee Setzer	Newton, N. C.	4th Sabbath.
Mt. Zion	Lincoln	J A. Hoyle	Iron Station, N. C.	D F. Abernethy.	Stanley's Creek, N. C.	3rd Sabbath.
McAdensville	Gaston	J. A. White	Black's Station, S. C.	L. A. Reynolds.	McAdenville, N. C.	4th Sabbath.
Newton	Catawba	J. B. Marsh	Catawba, N. C.	W W. Bridges.	Newton, N. C.	2nd Sabbath.
Olivet	Catawba	J. B. Marsh	Catawba, N. C.	J. Brown	Catawba, N. C.	1st and 3rd Sabbath.
Providence 1st	Catawba	W. B. McClure.		J. A. Wilkie		2nd Sabbath.
Providence 2nd	Catawba	J. T. Shell	Petra Mills, N. C.	J. J. Hicks	Mull Grove, N. C.	
Penelope	Burke	C M. Murchison.	Penelope, N. C.	P. K. Morgan	Penelope, N. C.	4th Sabbath.
Salem	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Iron Station, N. C.	A. G. Harrill	Lincolnton, N. C.	2nd Sabbath.
Sandy Plains	Gaston	J. F. Morris	Stanley's Creek, N. C.	L. F. Groves	Chalk, N. C.	2nd Sabbath.
Thesalonica	Catawba	R. L. Limerick.	Shelby, N. C.	P. W. Bangle	Keeversville, N. C.	3rd Sabbath.
Warlick's Chapel	Burke	C. M. Murchison.	Penelope, N. C.	L. Warlick	Penelope, N. C.	2nd Sabbath.

Sunday School Superintendents, their Churches and Post Offices: W. F. Jones, Hickory, N. C.; Hickory Grove, W. W. Rankin, Mt. Holly, N. C.; L. T. Wilkie, Lincolnton, N. C.; Mt. Ruhama, L. S. Caldwell, Maiden, N. C.; Olivet, W. S. Sanders, Monbo, N. C.; Penelope, J. F. Click, Penelope, N. C.; Salem, W. T. McCoy, Lincolnton, N, C.; Warlick's Chapel, Penelope, N. C.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

South Fork Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

the Church at Olivet,

October 24th, 25th and 26th, 1889.

W. A. GRAHAM, Moderator, ---------- Machpelah, N. C.
J. THOS. MCLEAN, Clerk ---------- Lincolnton, "
D. P. BRIDGES, Treasurer, ---------- Catawba, "

☞ *Next meeting will be held with the church at Mt. Zion, three and a half miles from Stanley's Creek, on the Carolina Central R. R.*

Shelby, N. C.
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Ordained Ministers.

D. P. BRIDGES,.....Catawba, N. C.
JNO. R. OSMENT,.....Mountain Island, "
W. B. McLURE,.....Machpelah, "
C. M. MURCHISON,.....Penelope, "
J. A. HOYLE,.....Iron Station, "
J. F. MORRIS,.....Stanley's Creek, "

Executive Board.

W. A. GRAHAM, G. M. SHIVES, J. S. BRIDGES,
J. R. UNDERWOOD, J. H. DEAL, D. A. WHISNANT.

Churches Represented as Follows.

1. Bruington.....J. F. Morris, A. Hovis.
2. Catawba.....J H Trollinger, J S Bridges, M J Cochrane, T H Ervin.
3. Fellowship.....W F Fite, A F Hand.
4. Hebron.....Jno R Osment, Jno L Grice, J R Underwood.
5. Hickory,.....J P Jones.
6. Hickory Grove.....W F Mosely, J M Hollobaugh, Jas F Cherry, David Mitcham, Geo Rumfelt, W S Skidmore, G M Shives
7. Kids' Chapel.....S A Whitner, W A Graham.
8. Lebanon.....W C Wentz.
9. Lincolnton,.....J Thos McLean, M C Stroup.
10. Link's Chapel.....G W Edwards, A C Lineberger.
11. Macedonia.....J P Mullen, Isaac Dellinger, W H Ballard, George McCollister.
12. Mull's Chapel.....W B Mull.
13. Mountain Grove.....D A Whisnant, B Baker.
14. Mt Ruhama.....E F Wilson, A M Caldwell; D E Wilson. W H Drume,
15. Mt. Zion.....W J Caldwell, Jno Chronister, E V Senters. Wilkie Abernethy, T J Warren,
16. McAdenville.....By Letter.
17. Newton.....J B Marsh, A B Ervin.
18. Olivet.....W W Bridges. I A Litton, A N Bridges, W A Cale.
19. Providence, 1st.....H C Hewitt, J A Wilkie.
20. Providence, 2nd.....G W Hood, J M Hoffman, Cephas Young.
21. Penelope.....C M Murchison, J F Click.
22. Salem.....D F Clanton, A G Harrell, J A Hoyle.
23. Sandy Plains.....E M Smith.
24. Thesalonica.....James Caldwell, Caleb Canipe.
25. Warlick's Chapel.....A J Cook, Laban Icard, Jno Page, R W Shoup.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 24th, 1889.

At 11:30 o'clock W A Pool preached the introductory sermon, using as a text 1st Cor., 1st chapter, 1st and 2nd verses.

Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by W. J. Hopkins.

Association called to order by J. F. Morris, Moderator.

Letters read by C M Murchison and D. P. Bridges, reading clerks.

After reading letters the Association proceeded to the election of officers. W. A. Graham was elected Moderator and J. Thos. McLean was re-elected Clerk.

Isaac Oxford reported as correspondent from Caldwell Association.

J. M. Bridges reported as correspondent from King's Mountain Association.

James Brumfield reported as a visitor from Gastonia, N. C.

W. J. Hopkins reported as a visitor from South Yadkin Association.

W. A. Pool reported as representative of the State Mission Board.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator, whose names will appear with their reports: Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Associational Missions, Education, Periodicals, Sunday Schools, Orphanage.

On motion, Article 4 of the Constitution was amended by striking out the last clause, and inserting "Treasurer" in the first clause.

D. P. Bridges was elected Treasurer.

Adjourned.

SECOND DAY, October 25th, 1889.

Morning Session.—Association called to order by W. A. Graham, Moderator.

Prayer by J M Bridges.

Minutes read and approved.

The Moderator announced as committee on Statistics, J. H. Trollinger, Albert F. Hand, G. M. Shives.

C. J. Woodson reported as representative of the Baptist Orphanage.

M. P. Matheny reported as a visitor from Lincolnton, N. C.

J. E. McManaway, of Charlotte, N. C., reported as representative of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

C. M. Murchison was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, M. P. Matheny, alternate.

The following delegates were elected to the State Convention: C M Murchison, J A Hoyle, J F Morris, J R Osment, D P Bridges, J S Bridges, J R Bobbett, D F Clanton.

Report on Home Missions.

The "Home Mission Board" is prospering, and the work being done is encouraging. This year 328 missionaries are employed. They are doing work in 14 States, Indian Territory and Cuba. The number of additions to the churches this year are 8,402; churches organized, 328; No. of churches built, 58; No. of Sunday schools organized, 343, in which there are 10,170 pupils and teachers. The work in Cuba is a grand success. It has 20 missionaries; churches and stations, 27; baptisms, 300; Sunday-schools, 26; teachers and pupils, 2,228. Total membership of churches, 1,493.

W J HOPKINS,
JAMES BRUMFIELD,
W J COCHRANE,
} Committee.

Remarks by J E McManaway, M P Matheny, C J Woodson. Pledges taken and report adopted.

By request the clerk was ordered to give the church at Fellowship a letter of dismission to unite with York Association.

The Moderator announced the following Executive Board: J S Bridges, J R Underwood, D A Whisnant, G M Shives, J H Deal.

Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song by M P Matheny, prayer by C J Woodson.

Association called to order by Moderator.

Motion, that Moderator be added to the executive board, carried.

Report on Periodicals.

Your committee on periodicals take pleasure in recommending the *Biblical Recorder*, *Kind Words*, and the *Foreign Mission Journal* as papers which should be found in every Baptist family. They each have an office which no other paper can fill, and they do fill their respective offices to the satisfaction of all reasonable persons. The *Recorder*—our state organ—is superior in every respect to any other religious paper published in the State, and the question is, not so much, can we afford to take the paper, as it is, can we afford to do without the paper. We also recommend *Charity and Children* and the *Asheville Baptist*.

I F MORRIS,
J P JONES,
G W EDWARDS,
} Committee.

Remarks by C J Woodson, J F Morris, C M Murchison, J A Hoyle, J M Bridges, M P Matheny. Report adopted.

Report on State Missions.

The end contemplated by the Board in this department of Christian work, is to supply every neighborhood and community in North Carolina with the preaching of the Gospel as we believe God's word teaches. It is true this grand idea has not yet been reached, though much has been done toward it. There are still a few counties in the State in which

there is not a Baptist church, nor resident Baptist preacher, and yet more counties where Baptist doctrines are but little known. While these facts remain, every lover of the Lord should do something to give the Gospel to his own fellow citizens who are perishing for the bread of life at his own door.

W A POOL,
J M BRIDGES,
D P BRIDGES, } Committee.

Remarks by W A Pool. Report adopted, and collection taken amounting to $9.41.

Report on Time and Place.

Your committee on time, place and preacher, submit the following: Time, Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1890; place, Mt. Zion; preacher, C M Murchison; alternate, D P Bridges.

A J COOK,
B BAKER,
J H DEAL, } Committee.

Report adopted.

A B Ervin made a statement, in which he said that the church at Newton would ask aid of the Association to build a meeting house in that town. Other remarks by J B Marsh, M P Matheny, J F Morris, C J Woodson.

J S Bridges offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Board stand instructed to favor no appropriation to any church that is able to support a pastor to preach monthly within the bounds of the Association.

Report on Church Difficulties.

To the South Fork Association:

Your committee to whom was referred the troubles between Hickory Grove and Providence, 2nd, and churches in the King's Mountain Association, beg leave to say, 1st, That the churches have done as advised by this body, and that the relations between the churches remain the same. 2nd, That in our judgment nothing further need be said by this body on this question. 3rd, That churches in this body cannot scripturally raise the question of fellowship between churches of this body and any other body. The only question of fellowship that can be raised by this body is one of fellowship between herself and another association. In the case in hand, your committee think it unwise to raise that question with King's Mountain. 4th, That Baptist churches are absolute sovereign bodies, and are competent to pass upon all questions referring to the reception or dismission of members, and that no other body can dictate in this matter. Submitted by the committee.

M P MATHENY, Ch'm.

W A POOL,
ISAAC OXFORD,
W J HOPKINS, } Committee.

Adopted.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, Oct. 26th, 1889.

Morning Session.—Association called to order by Moderator.

Devotional exercises by Isaac Oxford.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of Executive Board.

The Executive Committee report that during the year they have employed Elder J M Bridges, Bruington	$ 40 00
" C M Murchison, Penelope	30 00
" J A Hoyle, Maiden, P. M	20 00
" J A Hoyle, Barringer School-house, P. M.,	12 00
	$102 00

On hand last Association	$14 26
Received this "	81 30
Collection	6 45
	$102 00

The destitution in our Association is very great, and there are many worthy brethren who could be employed to occupy, but your committee feel compelled to restrict the work to the means furnished by the Association. J S BRIDGES, Chairman.

W A GRAHAM, Secretary.

Motion, that the pledges unpaid be sent back on the churches for collection, carried, and clerk ordered to notify churches of amounts due, &c.

Remarks by W A Graham, J A Hoyle, M P Matheny, W W Bridges, J F Morris, C M Murchison, pledges taken and report adopted.

Report on Orphanage.

If, in the darker days of the world's history, men unenlightened believed that the neglect of the fatherless was a sin, to be punished by the Almighty, how much more should we as christians, under the light of Revelation, fulfill God's promise; that He would be a father to the fatherless, and show our religion to be pure, by visiting the fatherless with open purse, and a helping hand and willing hearts.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC OXFORD,
A G HARRELL,
M T SAUNDERS, } Committee.

Remarks by Isaac Oxford, W A Graham, M P Matheny, C J Woodson, J F Morris. Collection for the Orphanage amounting to $10.23. Pledges taken and report adopted.

Motion that Article 4 of the Constitution be amended, by inserting another office, that of corresponding secretary. Remarks by M P Matheny, J A Hoyle, W W Bridges, J F Morris. Motion withdrawn.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator.

Prayer by C M Murchison.

Report on Education.

One of the most important objects of this Association is to aid young men called of God to the gospel ministry, in securing an education which will aid them in their high and holy work. In Wake Forest College we have an institution to aid us in this important work, offering advantages offered by no similar institution in the State. A large number of the best and most efficient ministors in North Carolina have been aided by the Board of Education at Wake Forest College. A majority of the min-

isters who have gone from us to the foreign field have been beneficiaries of this Board. The Board is aiding a large number now, limited for want of means at their command. We bespeak for this Board more liberal contributions.

We take pleasure in commending as a preparatory school, Penelope Academy, for both sexes, under the control of Elder C M Murchison.

For higher female education we have Oxford, Murfreesboro, High Point, and Shelby Female colleges, all first-class schools, which we commend to those wishing to give their daughters the advantages of a collegiate education.

J B MARSH,
J F CLICK,
J R OSMENT, } Committee.

Remarks by C M Murchison, J B Marsh, M P Matheny, pledges taken and report adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions.

This important department of christian work is claiming even more attention than in any former period of the church's history. It makes special appeals to all American Baptists for their united efforts, but to North Carolina Baptists the appeals are overwhelming.

We now have, in foreign lands, thirty active missionaries from our own state. The Lord, thus honoring us, plainly points out our duty to the millions in heathen lands. Our missionaries are divided between Africa, Asia, Mexico. The missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention are found in the following countries: China, Brazil, Mexico, Cuba, Italy, Africa. The number of missionaries is about one hundred, more or less, and the amount asked for to sustain them, and all enterprises connected therewith, is one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, —from our own state eleven thousand dollars.

There is a new movement among the missionaries looking to the enlargement of the work,—even doubling—with the same amount of contributions. "Among our missionaries," it is headed, by brethren Herring, Bryan, and Chapell; for full explanation we refer to the *Biblical Recorder* of October 16th, 1889. Your committee suggest that this Association express publicly our sympathy with this new movement.

Let our churches appoint some two or three of the young members, boys and girls, to solicit, during the whole year, contributions for Foreign missions, and that all of our pastors be requested to inform themselves and preach a sermon on Foreign missions.

C M MURCHISON,
J M HOLOBAUGH,
W J CALDWELL, } Committee.

Remarks by C M Murchison, J B Marsh, J A Hoyle, M P Matheny, J H Trollinger, J F Morris. Pledges taken; report adopted.

Report on Finance adopted. [See report on page 12]

Report on Sunday Schools.

Your committee beg leave to report that by reference to the church letters, we find several churches destitute of Sabbath Schools. This ought not to be so. We hope each church in this Association will do all they can to organize a Sunday School, and more attention given to this important work, and a full report be made from every church to the next session of this body. Respectfully submitted.

J A HOYLE,
W W BRIDGES,
S A WHITNER, } Committee.

Discussion on the above report made special order for mass meeting at 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

J Thos McLean offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to members of this church (Olivet) and citizens in the community for their generous hospitality.

On motion, the Clerk is instructed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and retain $5.00 for his services.

On motion, the collection to-morrow be given for Associational missions.

Adjourned to meet with the church at Mt. Zion, near Stanley's Creek, on the Carolina Central Railroad.

Sunday Morning.—At 9 o'clock Sunday School speeches were made by W A Graham, W F Mosely and others.

At 11:15 M P Matheny preached a sermon on "Baptism and the Lord's Supper."

Collection taken for Associational missions amounting to $4.93. [See Pledges for 1890.]

CONSTITUTION.

1st. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2nd. Its objects shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sabbath Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3rd. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty.

4th. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5th. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons annually appointed by the Moderator, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.

6th. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7th. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8th. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Association shall be: Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, and such Special Committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be: Meet at 9:30 a. m.: adjourn at 12:30 p. m.; meet at 1:30 p. m.; adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

Resolved, That every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in their members the making, selling or using as a beverage, intoxicating drinks, or holding office of store-keeper or other office in the liquor department of the Internal Revenue Service, and if, after being admonished by the church they refuse to obey, we believe the church will be justifiable in withdrawing fellowship from such members as not hearing the church, but walking in darkness.

Resolved, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

STATISTICAL TABLE 1889.

CHURCHES.	Constituted	Ordained Ministers.	Increase by				Decrease by				Total Membership	Sunday Schools.				No. of Papers Taken.	Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity.
			Baptism.	Letter.	Restored	Total.	Letter.	Exclus'n	Death.	Total.		Officers & Teach.	Pupils.	Total.	Vols. in Library.			
Bruington	1853	1	8	1	2	11	1			1	54	6	53	59		25	$ 350 00	400
Catawba	1875		1	1		2	5			5	48						2,000 00	400
Fellowship	1874		9	4	1	14	3	1		4	122	6	60	66		40	500 00	300
Hebron	1883	1		4		4	2	12	1	15	87	8	57	65		75	400 00	400
Hickory	1870		9	5		14	9			9	74	12	81	93	150	165	2,500 00	300
Hickory Grove	1873		18	2	1	21	2	12	2	16	221	5	40	45			1,500 00	400
Kids' Chapel	1872						2	4	1	7	124	4	61	65		47	500 00	400
Lebanon	1885				2	2					49	5	38	43				
Lincolnton	1859		7	1		8	4			4	28	6	50	56		92	1,500 00	300
Link's Chapel	1884		2	2	1	5	6		1	7	40	6	44	50		78	200 00	175
Macedonia	1869		6	5	3	14	3	6	3	12	175						600 00	250
Mull's Chapel	1873		3	5	1	9					40						350 00	
Mountain Grove	1881				1	1		1		1	54							
Mt. Ruhama	1816		6	4	1	11	4	5	1	10	195						400 00	400
Mt. Zion	1869	1	14	4	1	19	6	1		7	196						500 00	400
McAdenville	1887		2	9		11	7	1		8	42							
Newton	1881			4		4					19							
Olivet	1833	1	1	5		6	1	5	1	7	94	8	40	48		48	600 00	400
Providence, 1st	1852										31							
Providence, 2d	1878			2		2	8	3		11	44	13	76	89			100 00	
Penelope	1888	1	13	4		17	3	2	2	7	56	6	41	47		20		
Salem	1854	1	5	7		12		1		1	131	10	50	60		80	600 00	300
Sandy Plains	1863							5	3	8	163						650 00	400
Thesalonica	1856						1	1	1	3	38						600 00	
Warlick's Chapel			2			2	5	1		6	112						300 00	250
Total		6	106	69	14	189	72	61	16	149	2237	95	691	786	150	670	$ 14,150 00	Total 5,475

PLEDGES FOR 1890.

CHURCHES.	Association'l Missions.	State Missions	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Aggregate.	Agent for Home Missions.	Agent for Bap. Orphanage.
Bruington	$4 00	$3 00	$5 00	$ 2 00	$ 3 00	$ 2 00	$ 18 00	T F Roberson	D F Hovis
Catawba	5 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	2 00	4 00	23 00	J S Bridges	J S Bridges
Fellowship	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	12 00	W W McLean	F W Fite
Hebron	2 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	11 00	J R Osment	J L Grice
Hickory	5 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	45 00	Dr B F Whitesides	Dr B F Whitesides
Hickory Grove	12 00	4 00	4 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	32 00	W F Mosely	G M Shives
Kids' Chapel	8 00	10 00	8 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	37 00	A S Whitmer	A S Whitmer
Lebanon	1 00	----	1 00	------	1 50	1 00	4 40	W E Wentz	W E Wentz
Lincolnton	6 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	6 00	8 00	50 00	Carrie L McLean	Mrs Mattie Anthony
Link's Chapel	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	7 00	A C Lineberger	G W Edwards
Macedonia	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	15 00	James Mullen	W J Ballard
Mull's Chapel	1 00	1 50	------	1 00	------	-----	3 50	William Johnson	P P Mull
Mountain Grove	3 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 50	16 50	W M Hicks	D A Whisnant
Mt. Ruhama	4 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	18 00	L F Caldwell	J H Deal
Mt. Zion	6 00	3 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	20 00	J R Chronister	G W Abernethy
McAdenville	2 00	----	------	------	------	------	2 00	F A Hawkins	F A Hawkins
Newton	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	11 00	A B Ervin	Dr Whitesides
Olivet	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	27 00	P R Blackwood	Louisa Bridges
Providence, 1st	------	1 00	2 00	1 00	-----	2 00	6 00	Mattie Moore	Mattie Moore
Providence, 2d	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	------	1 00	6 00	J M Hoffman	J M Hoffman
Penelope	2 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	18 00	P K Morgan	P K Morgan
Salem	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	16 00	A G Harrell	F W Hovis
Sandy Plains	5 00	5 00	6 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	24 00	J F Groves	E M Smith
Thesalonica	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	------	1 00	6 00	J F Canipe	J A Caldwell
Warlick's Chapel	3 00	3 00	1 00	1 50	1 50	4 00	14 00	A J Cook	Laban Icard
Collection	4 93	----	------	------	------	------	4 93		
Total	$ 94 43	86 00	$ 89 00	$ 65 50	$ 47 00	$ 65 50	$ 447 43		

FINANCIAL TABLE 1889.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Minute Fund.	Repairs.	Assoc'tion'l Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Bruington Church.	Other Objects.	Aggregate.
Bruington	$50 00	$ 5 80	$1 05	$115 27	$4 00	$3 00	$ 5 00	$1 00	$2 00	$1 00	----	$ 4 50	$ 192 62
Catawba	------	------	------	------	5 00	8 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	----	------	25 00
Fellowship	167 00	39 00	------	------	2 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	229 00
Hebron	------	------	1 60	------	2 00	5 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	4 83	27 43
Hickory	175 00	28 00	1 10	------	5 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	----	53 73	302 83
Hickory Grove	------	------	2 00	------	12 00	10 00	7 50	5 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	------	48 50
Kids' Chapel	100 00	------	75	------	10 75	6 00	3 65	50	90	4 00	----	10 50	137 05
Lebanon	9 70	------	10	------	1 00	1 00	------	----	----	60	----	------	12 40
Lincolnton	30 00	6 52	1 00	------	1 00	4 00	12 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	----	87 90	154 42
Link's Chapel	35 00	------	45	------	1 00	1 00	100	1 00	----	1 00	1 00	4 35	45 80
Macedonia	100 00	8 50	91	------	2 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	------	124 41
Mull's Chapel	------	------	75	------	1 00	1 50	1 10	----	----	----	----	------	4 35
Mountain Grove	100 00	------	1 00	------	2 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	3 60	2 00	------	120 60
Mt. Ruhama	100 00	7 50	1 20	------	2 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	----	------	127 70
Mt. Zion	83 00	8 00	1 60	250 00	8 00	3 44	8 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	----	------	367 74
McAdensville	------	------	1 00	------	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	----	------	10 00
Newton	23 50	6 00	35	------	----	2 00	2 05	2 00	----	----	----	4 00	39 90
Olivet	100 00	2 00	1 40	60 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	----	2 00	----	15 50	198 90
Providence, 1st	50 00	------	35	------	----	1 00	2 00	1 00	----	2 00	----	------	56 35
Providence, 2nd	75 00	------	50	------	1 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 70	88 20
Penelope	100 00	100 00	75	------	1 50	2 50	5 00	1 50	1 00	7 00	2 00	14 05	235 30
Salem	75 00	22 45	1 63	------	4 00	3 25	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	7 70	127 03
Sandy Plains	------	------	1 00	------	7 00	7 00	------	3 02	3 00	2 00	----	------	23 02
Thesalonica	------	1 40	60	------	1 55	2 00	2 00	2 00	----	----	----	------	9 55
Warlick's Chapel	------	------	1 05	------	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 50	10 65	----	2 30	25 00
Total	1313 20	235 87	22 14	425 27	82 80	97 65	98 30	50 52	40 40	67 85	22 00	217 06	2,775 59

NOTE.—Private contributions for minute fund, 30 cents; private contribution for Foreign missions $12.

Collections as follows: For associational missions $6.45, State missions 9.41, Foreign missions 4.10, Bap. Orphanage 10.32.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Amounts Received at Association.

CHURCHES.	Association'l Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Aggregate.
Bruington	$4 00	$3 00	----	------	$ 2 00	$ 1 00	$1 05	$ 11 05
Catawba	5 00	8 00	$5 00	$ 2 00	3 00	2 00	----	25 00
Fellowship	2 00	----	1 50	1 50	50	------	----	5 50
Hebron	2 00	5 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 60	20 60
Hickory	5 00	----	----	------	5 00	5 50	1 10	16 60
Hickory Grove	12 00	7 50	6 20	3 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	37 70
Kids' Chapel	10 75	6 00	----	------	50	------	75	18 40
Lebanon	1 00	1 00	----	------	------	60	10	2 70
Lincolnton	1 00	4 00	12 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	1 00	30 00
Link's Chapel	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	------	1 00	45	5 45
Macedonia	2 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	91	13 91
Mull's Chapel	1 00	1 50	1 10	------	------	------	75	4 35
Mountain Grove	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	------	1 00	10 00
Mt. Ruhama	2 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 20	18 20
Mt. Zion	8 00	3 44	8 00	1 00	1 00	------	1 60	23 04
McAdenville	----	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	8 00
Newton	----	----	----	------	------	------	35	35
Olivet	4 00	----	----	------	------	------	1 40	5 40
Providence, 1st	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	------	1 00	35	9 35
Providence, 2d	1 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	8 50
Penelope	1 50	2 50	5 00	1 50	1 00	------	75	12 25
Salem	4 00	3 25	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 63	19 88
Sandy Plains	7 00	7 00	----	3 02	3 00	2 00	1 00	23 02
Thesalonica	1 55	2 00	2 00	2 00	------	------	60	8 15
Warlick's Chapel	2 50	3 00	----	----	47	------	1 05	7 02
Collection	6 45	9 41	4 10	------	------	10 23	----	30 19
Total	87 75	81 60	69 90	$ 35 02	$ 37 87	$ 40 33	22 14	$374 61

NOTE.—There were private contributions also for Foreign Missions and divided as follows: W. W. Bridges $1, D M Smith $1, Bruington Sunday school $3, C. M. Murchison $5, G. M. Shives 50 cents, Wm. Skidmore 50 cts., Dr. B. F. Whitesides $1. A private contribution of 30 cents was given for minute fund.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	POST-OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST-OFFICE.	TIME OF PREACHING
Bruington	Gaston	J M Bridges	Shelby N C	J T Morris	Stanley's Creek, N C	1st Sun. & Sat. before.
Catawba	Catawba			M J Cochrane	Catawba "	
Fellowship	Gaston	J A White	Blacksburg S C	R M Gaston	Belmont "	4th Sunday.
Hebron	Gaston	Jno F Morris	Stanley's Creek N C	Jno L Grice	Mountain Island, "	4th Sunday.
Hickory	Catawba	H D Lequex	Morganton "	J P Jones	Hickory "	1st and 3rd Sunday.
Hickory Grove	Gaston	Jno F Morris	Stanley's Creek "	J M Holobaugh	Mt. Holly "	2d Sun. & Sat. before.
Kids' Chapel	Lincoln	Jno F Morris	Stanley's Creek "	W A Graham	Machpelah "	4th Sunday.
Lebanon	Catawba	W B McLure	Machpelah "	W C Wentz	Chronicle "	1st Sunday.
Lincolnton	Lincoln	M P Matheny	Lincolnton "	J Thos McLean	Lincolnton "	3d Sunday.
Link's Chapel	Lincoln	W B McLure	Machpelah "	A C Lineberger	Iron Station "	3d Sunday.
Macedonia	Lincoln	J A Hoyle	Iron Station "	J Mullen	Derr "	1st Sun. & Sat. before.
Mull's Chapel	Catawba			P M Mull	Wortman "	
Mountain Grove	Catawba	C M Murchison	Penelope "	D A Whisnant	Hickory "	4th Sun. & Sat. before
Mt. Ruhama	Catawba	J A Hoyle	Iron Station "	L J Caldwell	Drumsville "	4th " & " "
Mt. Zion	Lincoln	J A Hoyle	Iron Station "	D F Abernethy	Stanley's Creek "	
McAdensville	Gaston	T A Mulinex	Grover "	P Padgett	McAdensville "	2nd and 4th Sunday.
Newton	Catawba	J B Marsh	Catawba "	A B Ervin	Newton "	4th Sunday.
Olivet	Catawba	J B Marsh	Catawba "	W W Bridges	Shawneel "	1&3 Sun. & Sat. bef 1st
Providence, 1st	Catawba	W B McLure	Machpelah "	J A Wilkie	Catawba "	4th Sunday.
Providence, 2nd	Catawba	J T Shell	Petra Mills "	G W Hood	Plato "	3rd Sunday.
Penelope	Burke	C M Murchison	Pinelope "	P K Morgan	Penelope "	4th Sunday.
Salem	Lincoln	J A Hoyle	Iron Station "	A G Harrell	Lincolnton "	2d Sun. & Sat. before.
Sandy Plains	Gaston	W B McLure	Machpelah "	L F Groves	Chalk "	2nd Sunday.
Thesalonica	Catawba	C F Felmet	King's Mountain "	P W Bangle	Plato "	2nd Sunday.
Warlick's Chapel	Burke	C M Murchison	Penelope "	L Warlick	Penelope "	2nd Sunday.

Sunday-School Superintendents, their Churches and Post-Offices: T J Warren, Bruington, Stanley's Creek, N C; W W McLean, Fellowship, Belmont, N C; John R Osment, Hebron, Mountain Island; W F Jones, Hickory, N C; W W Rankin, Hickory Grove, Mt. Holly, N C; W S Kids, Kids' Chapel, Denver, N C; D J Clark, Lebanon, Chronicle, N C; Lincolnton, N C., L T Wilkie; G W Edwards, Link's Chapel, Iron Station, N C; L J Caldwell, Mt. Ruhama, Drumsville, N C; T A Hawkins, McAdensville, N C; M T Sanders, Olivet, Shawnee, N C; J F Click, Penelope, N C; W T McCoy, Salem, Lincolnton, N. C.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

MT. ZION CHURCH,

LINCOLN COUNTY, N. C.,

October 23d, 24th and 25th, 1890.

☞ The next session of the Association will be held at Hickory, N. C., on the W. N. C. Railroad, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1891.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

J. S. BRIDGES.....J. M. HOLLOBAUGH,

J. H. DEAL.....D. A. WHISNANT.....W. A. GRAHAM.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

W. A. GRAHAM, Moderator.....Machpelah, N. C.

D. P. BRIDGES, Treasurer.....Catawba, "

S. A. STROUP, Clerk.....Hardin Station, "

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. F. MORRIS.....W. B. McLURE,

D P. BRIDGES.....C. M. MURCHISON.....J. A. HOYLE.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED AS FOLLOWS:

Bruington.....Rev J F Morris and J. T. Morris.
Catawba.....J S Bridges, Lewis Danner and Charles Ervin.
Hebron.....J L Grice, J E Etters and S L Gryder.
Hickory.....J A Martin.
Hickory Grove.....W W Rankin and J F Cherry.
Kid's Chapel....S A Whitener, C G Tucker, W A Graham, Alonzo Pool and J M Kids.
Lebanon.....W C Wentz.
Lincolnton.....Rev C E Gower and M C Stroup.
Link's Chapel.....W T Welsh and D E Lineberger.
Macedonia.....J P Mullen, Isaac Dellinger, J S Hockins and J Burk.
Mull's Chapel.....Rev W B Mull.
Mountain Grove.....C J Sigman.
Mount Holly.....J M Hollobaugh.
Mount Ruhama....J H Deal, D E Wilson, A W Setzer, L J Caldwell, J L Caldwell and T W Bradshaw.
Mount Zion....Rev W B McLure, B Stroup, H W Hovis, S A Stroup, E V Senter, C Nantz and J S Huggins.
McAdenville.....S J Skidmore.
Newton.....By Letter.
Olivet.....W W Bridges, J Stuart and W A Kale.
Providence 1st.....
Providence 2d.....G W Hood.
Penelope.....Rev C M Murchison.
Salem.....G I Pasour, D F Clanton and Rev J A Hoyle.
Sandy Plains.....John Groves, N A Jenkins, T J Warren and Wm Allen.
Thessalonica.....W P Roney.
Warlick's Chapel.....

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 23d, 1890.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. D. P. Bridges, from Matt. 5: 14.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. J. M. Bridges.

Association called to order by W. A. Graham, Moderator.

Revs. J. F. Morris and J. A. Hoyle were appointed reading clerks.

S. A. Stroup was appointed Clerk pro tem.

After reading letters the Association proceeded to the election of its officers.

W. A. Graham was elected Moderator, S. A, Stroup, Clerk, and D. P. Bridges, Treasurer.

W. A. Graham was elected historian of the South Fork Association.

J. W. Bridges, of King's Mountain Association, and P. A. Whitener, of the Catawba River Association, were welcomed to seats in this body.

The chair appointed a committee on the petition of Mt. Holly Baptist Church, whose report is as follows:

Your committee on the petition of Mt. Holly church for membership, beg leave to report: In the absence of the church covenant and articles of faith, we are satisfied upon the testimony of one of the presbytery, their pastor and delegate bearing the letter, that the church is orthodox.

Respectfully.

C E GOWER,
J S BRIDGES,
W B MCLURE,
} Committee.

The report was received and adopted, and Mt. Holly church received into this Association.

The following committees were appointed by the chair, whose names will appear with their reports:

Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Associational Missions, Education, Periodicals, Sunday School and Orphanage.

Adjourned till Friday morning at 9:30.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 24th, 1890.

Association called to order by the chair.

Prayer by Rev. C. E. Gower.

The following committee was appointed to attend the Baptist State Convention:

Revs C E Gower, J A Hoyle, C M Murchison, J F Morris, W B McLure, D P Bridges and Bros W A Graham, J M Kids, W W Bridges, S A Stroup, G M Shives, J M Hollobaugh and J S Bridges.

Bro J S Bridges was appointed to the Southern Baptist Convention. Alternate, C E Gower.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is prospering, and the work being done is very encouraging. Three hundred missionaries are employed. They are doing work in fourteen states, Indian Territory, and in Cuba. Your committee recommend an increase in our contributions to give the Gospel to the Indians, and to support Bro. A. J. Dias in his work until the Island of Cuba be given to Christ. What say you, brethren?

Respectfully,

J A HOYLE,
J S BRIDGES,
M C STROUP,
} Committee.

Remarks by Revs. C. E. Gower, J. F. Morris and C. M. Murchison.

Report adopted as amended by C. M. Murchison.

AMENDMENT.

Resolved, That each Sunday School in this Association make an effort to raise at least two dollars for Cuba.

The report on Education was received.

Remarks by Revs. J. A. Hoyle, C. E. Gower, C. M. Murchison, P. A. Whitener and others.

The report was tabled.

Rev. P. R. Elam, of King's Mountain Association, and Bro. J. H. Mills, representative of Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, were welcomed to seats in this body.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by the chair.

Prayer by Rev. P. R. Elam.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction. James 1: 27. Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry; and that thou bring the poor that are cast out, to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh. Isaiah 58: 7.

Respectfully,

C M MURCHISON,
J M BRIDGES,
A. HOVIS.
} Committee.

Remarks by J. H. Mills. A collection was taken amounting to $14.95. Report adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was received and made in order for Saturday at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 25th, 1890.

Association called to order by the chair.

Prayer by Rev. D. P. Bridges.

Report on State Missions received and discussed with Foreign Missions.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

For more than a hundred years, in some of its forms, the Baptists of North Carolina have been engaged in the State Mission work. This has, under God, largely made us as a denomination what we are. It has been the foundation work. As we have aided it we have helped every other department of our work, and as we shall wisely press it in the future, we shall make it possible to enlarge every other work. Every denomination, every association, and every church needs the magnetism of a large work. This alone can make us after the pattern our Lord gave us. This year our State Mission work is larger than ever before. The last session, in full expectation of its realization, asked the South Fork Association to give for State Missions $300. This amount has not, as yet, all been paid, but it is hoped that the pastors and churches will speedily secure the balance.

Resolved 1st, That we try to secure for State and Associational Missions next year, three hundred dollars, and for Foreign Missions two hundred dollars.

Resolved 2d, That a committee of five be appointed to apportion the above amounts among our churches and ask each of them to try to secure the amount asked of them.

Respectfully,

C E GOWER,
B STROUP, } Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It appears that the Lord has conferred special honor on the Baptists of North Carolina in calling so many of our men and women to foreign fields to preach the Gospel. We should feel it a great privilege to give the "Bread of Life" to those perishing souls. The Baptists of the South have missionaries in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico, and in some Islands of the seas. From these lands we hear the cry for help from more than a billion souls. They are saying, "Come over and help us!" Let the response from every Baptist in North Carolina be, "I'll go," if not in person, in means. Our missionaries are making a great effort. They need our aid; they are calling to us for help. God is saying "go!" Souls are perishing! Who will go? We in North Carolina have about forty missionaries. We must support them and send others to their relief.

D P BRIDGES,
W B MCLURE,
S J SKIDMORE, } Committee.

Remarks by Rev. C. Durham and Bro. W. A. Graham. Reports adopted.

Rev. C. Durham, of Raleigh, was representative of State Missions.

The report on Education was taken up and discussed

by Revs. C. Durham, C. M. Murchison and C. E. Gower.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report: In viewing the subject of Education from the different sources of information, we conclude that it is receiving a deeper and more general interest than ever before. While steps are being taken to enlarge the facilities for the training of the minds of the rising generation, both by the state and by the different denominations, we rejoice to know that the Baptists are not behind in this all important matter. But, as in the course of civil and religious liberty, they still maintain their position in the land, and to-day offer to the young men and young ladies collegiate and academic advantages second to none in the state.

We would recommend the Murfreesboro Baptist Female College to all seeking an education for their daughters. At present every Baptist and friend of the cause should do all in their power to secure to the college the benefit of the Bostick proposition to Wake Forest College, which has such a good reputation that we deem it unnecessary to recommend. We take pleasure in recommending Penelope Academy [for both sexes] under the management of Rev. C. M. Murchison.

Respectfully,
J F MORRIS,
J P MULLEN,
W DELLINGER. } Committee.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the chair.

Prayer by Rev. P. R. Elam.

A collection was taken up for Associational Missions amounting to $4.00.

Remarks by Revs. J, A. Hoyle, C. M. Murchison and others.

The report of the Executive Committee was received and adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL LABOR.

We have employed Rev J M Bridges, Bruington	$ 35 00	
We have employed Rev C M Murchison, Penelope	13 00	
We have employed Rev J A Hoyle, Maiden	20 00	
We have employed Rev J A Hoyle, Thessalonica	20 00	
Total for above salaries	$ 88 00	
Received from Treasurer last year		$ 8 00
Received from Treasurer this year		75 00
Received from collections this year		4 00
Amount to balance		$ 1 00

J S BRIDGES, Chairman.

W A GRAHAM, Clerk of Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Our state is to be congratulated in that we have such an able exponent of Baptist periodicals and doctrines as our own church paper, the "Biblical Recorder." Every member of the church should keep informed relative to christian development and church growth. All should read sound doctrines and literature that will elevate, strengthen and gratify the mind. We have just the thing to meet the emergency in the "Recorder." Let pastors, deacons, laymen and sisters bestir themselves with an earnest

effort to place this paper in every family represented in our congregations. As helps to the work accomplished by the "Recorder," we recommend "Charity and Children," published at the Orphanage—printed by the orphans themselves. Subscribe for it and learn all about the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. The "Foreign Mission Journal" will tell of the foreign field and success of the missionaries. The "Home Field" gives the news concerning Home Mission work. We can not afford to commit the denomination to publications of doubtful character, whoever may recommend them. We heartily endorse the Sunday School periodicals of the Southern Baptist Convention, published at Atlanta, entitled "Kind Words;" also the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society for Sunday Schools.

C M MURCHISON.

Remarks by Revs. C. M. Murchison and C. Durham. Report adopted.

The report on time and place of next Association was received and adopted.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

Your committee on time and place, and preacher, submit the following: Time, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1891; place, Hickory, N. C. Preacher, J. A. Hoyle; alternate, W. B. McLure.

W W RANKIN,
W T WELSH,
L F DANNER,
} Committee.

The report on Union Meetings was received and adopted.

REPORT ON UNION MEETINGS.

Believing as an auxiliary to our work, the Union Meeting is, by the blessings of God, just what we make it. We regret to see the apparent decline of interest as manifested by attendance and otherwise. Therefore your committee recommend and urge a united effort on the part of all the churches in this Association by sending delegates and quarterly contributions to every fifth Sunday meeting. Also a system of giving in all the churches, and that the pastors see that the great importance of the Mission work be kept prominent before their several charges, and a punctual attendance on their part be manifested. Respectfully submitted.

J M BRIDGES
E V SENTER,
L J CALDWELL
} Committee.

The report of Finance committee was received and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance have examined the Treasurer's book and found it correct. Respectfully,

J M HOLLOBAUGH,
G I PASOUR,
} Committee.

The following are appointed a committee to assist D. C. E. Taylor in raising the Endowment fund for Wake Forest College: J. S. Bridges, J. M. Hollobaugh, B. Stroup, C. E. Gower, C. M. Murchison, W. A. Graham.

Revs. J. F. Morris, J. A. Hoyle and C. M. Murchison were appointed a committee to examine ministerial students who desire to become beneficiaries of this Association at Wake Forest College.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

By referring to the church letters, we find that there are only fourteen churches out of twenty-five who report Sunday schools. Your committee think that something should be done to bestir the churches to their full duty in regard to the Sunday school cause. Your committee also recommend a Sunday School Association to be held with some church of this body next spring, and that every church send at least one delegate to this meeting. We further recommend that a committee on time and place for this meeting be appointed. Respectfully submitted.

W W BRIDGES,
S A WHITENER,
J F GROVES,
} Committee.

Report to be discussed Sunday morning in mass meeting.

On motion, the Clerk is to retain five dollars of the Minute fund for his services, and with the remainder, to get the Minutes printed where he can get the work done the cheapest, to be in good style.

The following return of thanks was voted on and carried:

Resolved, That this Association return its thanks to the membership and community of Mount Zion for their kind hospitality during the session of our meeting, and also to Mr. O. M. Howard and his class for their good singing during the session.

Adjourned to meet in Hickory on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1891.

MASS MEETING---SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Speeches by C. Durham, W. W. Bridges and others.

On motion, a committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. J. A. Hoyle, C. E. Gower and Bros J. H. Deal and W. A. Graham, on Programme and Constitution of the Sunday School Association. The S. S. Association will be organized at Macedonia church on Friday before the third Sunday in April, 1891. Officers to be Rev. J. A. Hoyle, Moderator; D. P. Bridges, Clerk.

Rev. C. Durham preached the 11 o'clock sermon on Sunday, and Rev. P. R. Elam preached the afternoon sermon.

Treasurer's Report.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

1889			
Oct 28	Received of former treasurer for For. Mis.,		$ 6 10
" 28	Received of Finance committee " "		74 90
	Total received for Foreign missions, - - - -		$81 00
Oct 28	Received of Fin. committee for Home mis.		40 02
" 28	Received of Fin. committee for State mis.,		41 74
" 28	Received in cash collection " " "		9 41
	Total received for Home and State missions,		$ 51 15
Oct 28	Rec'd of Finance committee, Association,		112 68
1890			
Oct 12	Received of Providence 2nd - - - - -		1 00
	Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		113 68
1889			
Oct 28	Received for Orphanage of Fin. commit.,		$18 49
" 29	Received in cash collection, - - - - -		10 63
	Total received for Orphanage, - - - - -		29 12
Oct 29	Received of Fin. commit. for Education,		37 87
" 29	Received of Fin. commit. for Minutes, - -		20 19
	Whole amount received during the year, - -		$372 91

AMOUNTS PAID OUT.

Oct 27	By paid J. M. Bridges, - - -	$ 40 00	
" 27	By paid J. A. Hoyle, - - -	32 00	
" 27	By paid J. F. Morris, - - - -	31 33	
" 27	By paid W. A. Pool, - - - -	9 41	
" 27	By paid C. J. Woodson, - - -	9 61	
" 28	By paid J. T. McLean, - - -	20 19	
" 30	By paid State Treasurer, - -	222 02	
" 30	By paid Express, - - - - -	35	
1890			
Feb 24	By paid W A Graham, - - -	6 00	
	Whole amount paid out, - - - - -		$ 370 91
	Balance on hand, - - - - - - - -		2 00

TREASURER'S REPORT—(Continued.)

AMOUNTS RECEIVED AT ASSOCIATION, 1890.

Received for Associational missions,	82 60
Received for State missions,	29 50
Received for Foreign missions,	34 02
Received for Home missions,	23 50
Received for ministerial education,	22 65
Received for Baptist Orphanage,	24 25
Amount by cash collection,	14 95
Amount received for minutes,	21 17
Total amount received,	$252 64

1890 AMOUNTS PAID OUT AT ASSOCIATION.

Oct 24	Paid J M Bridges,	$35 00
" 24	Paid J H Mills	39 20
" 25	Paid C Durham,	109 67
" 25	Paid W A Graham,	77 60
	By amount Paid Clerk,	21 34
	Total amount disbursed,	$282 81

D. P. BRIDGES, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Minute Fund...	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Miss'ns	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Aggregate.
Bruington	$ 55 00	50	$1 32	$4 00	$3 00	$5 00	$2 00	$2 00	$4 25	$ 81 07
Catawba.....	.....	.....	70	5 00	5 00	....	....	....	4 00	14 70
Hebron	28 63	$ 4 35	1 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	118 86
Hickory.....	275 00	72 06	1 50	5 00	10 00	10 00	6 00	5 00	10 00	393 51
Hickory Grove..	.....	.....	1 05	6 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	19 05
Kid's Chapel....	100 00	.....	90	8 00	10 00	8 00	4 00	44 00	3 00	177 90
Lebanon.....	45 00	100 00	15	1 00	....	1 00	....	1 50	1 00	149 65
Lincolnton.....	92 05	39 26	1 00	6 00	20 00	10 00	15 00	20 00	8 00	361 31
Link's Chapel...	35 00	.....	50	1 56	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	42 50
Macedonia.....	100 00	12 00	65	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	127 65
Mull's Chapel...	30 00	.....	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	31 00
Mountain Grove	.....	10 00	75	3 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	....	3 70	26 45
Mt. Ruhama....	100 00	.....	1 15	....	3 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	116 15
Mt. Holly.....	120 00	5 00	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	10 00	1136 00
Mt. Zion.....	90 00	15 00	1 75	6 00	3 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	241 75
McAdenville....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	1 60	....	....	1 60
Newton	.....	.....	40	....	3 00	2 00	2 00	....	3 00	7 40
Olivet.....	100 00	3 10	1 50	6 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	9 90	38 50
Providence 1st.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Providence 2d...	10 00	.....	1 10	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	....	1 00	67 10
Penelope.....	75 00	.....	75	2 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	93 75
Salem.....	37 35	13 20	40	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	65 95
Sandy Plains....	100 00	12 05	55	5 00	5 00	6 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	136 60
Thessalonica	75 00	7 00	85	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	....	1 00	88 85
Warlick's Chapel	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Total	1618 03	294 46	19 97	70 50	89 50	79 00	60 60	91 50	73 85	3437 30

For church repairs, Bruington is put down at $40; Hebron at $73.88; Lincolnton at $150; Mt. Holly at $1,000, and Mt. Zion church at $115.

NOTE.—Lincolnton church debt, paid $177.23.

Mission church building, $10.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF 1890.

CHURCHES.	Constituted	Ord. Ministers	Increase by Baptisms	Increase by Deaths	Increase by Restored	Increase by Total	Decrease by Letter	Decrease by Excluded	Decrease by Deaths	Decrease by Total	Total Membership	Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity.
Bruington	1853	1	4	7	..	7	2	..	1	3	67	$ 450 00	400
Catawba	1875	..	3	..	..	3	..	4	..	4	45	2000 00	400
Hebron	1883	1	6	4	2	12	15	2	..	17	70	400 00	400
Hickory	1870	..	6	3	..	9	5	..	1	6	77	2500 00	300
Hickory Grove	1873	..	3	..	..	3	68	..	1	69	63	500 00	500
Kid's Chapel	1872	..	2	..	..	2	2	4	3	9	117	500 00	400
Lebanon	1885	..	11	..	..	11	..	2	..	2	64	.....	.....
Lincolnton	1859	..	7	7	..	14	..	..	1	1	41	1500 00	300
Link's Chapel	1884	..	7	..	..	7	1	..	1	1	46	200 00	175
Macedonia	1869	..	14	2	4	20	2	1	1	4	195	600 00	250
Mountain Grove	1881	..	1	2	..	3	..	1	1	1	56	600 00	400
Mt. Holly	1890	..	2	4	..	6	1	..	1	2	69	800 00	300
Mull's Chapel	1873	..	23	2	..	25	4	..	..	4	65	350 00	200
Mt. Ruhama	1816	..	22	1	..	23	1	5	1	7	212	400 00	400
Mt. Zion	1869	1	13	4	2	19	10	..	..	10	204	450 00	400
McAdenville	1887	..	39	4	..	43	14	3	1	18	63	.....	.....
Newton	1881	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	2	2	19	.....	.....
Olivet	1833	1	22	1	1	24	..	..	1	1	115	600 00	400
Providence 1st.	....	..	...	..	..	...	...	..	..	...	.....	.....	.....
Providence 2d.	1878	..	6	2	..	8	1	1	1	3	51	100 00	200
Penelope	1888	1	1	3	..	4	3	..	2	5	52	.....	.....
Salem	1854	1	6	4	2	12	22	3	..	25	115	600 00	300
Sandy Plains	1863	..	12	4	2	18	12	1	..	13	160	650 00	400
Thessalonica	1856	..	2	4	..	6	1	..	1	2	45	600 00	400
Warlick's Chapel	....	..	2	..	..	2	5	1	..	6	112	300 00	250
Total		6	215	59	13	283	169	28	20	215	2,222	$ 14,100 00	6,770

PLEDGES FOR 1891 AND SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS OF 1890.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Miss'ns	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Aggregate.....	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.	Total.	Av. Attendance	Contributions.	No. of Months Open.	No. Quarterlies and Papers.
Bruington	J. F. Morris	$ 4 00	$ 2 00	$ 6 00	$ 2 00	$ 2 00	$ 3 00	$19 00	10	60	70	50	$ 7 25	12	70
Catawba	J. H. Trollins	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	27 00	7	60	67	46	.....	12	....
Hebron	J. L. Grice	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	2 00	1 50	9 50	5	50	55	..	2 25	....	....
Hickory	W. F. Jones	5 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	45 00	13	85	98	..	35 59	12	140
Hickory Grove	.....	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	15 00	....	..	..	..	.....	....	....
Kid's Chapel	S. A. Whitner	10 00	10 00	10 00	4 00	5 00	3 00	42 00	6	44	50	40	8 62	12	40
Lebanon	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	6 50	....	..	..	..	.....	....	....
Lincolnton	S. T. Wilkie	6 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	25 00	8 00	69 00	7	46	53	..	25 00	12	70
Link's Chapel	.....	1 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	7 50	....	..	..	..	.....	....	....
Macedonia	.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	18 00	....	..	..	..	.....	....	....
Mountain Grove	.....	3 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 50	17 50	....	..	..	..	.....	....	....
Mt. Ruhama	M. H. Taylor	4 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	18 00	12	35	47	..	.....	12	....
Mt. Zion	W. B. McLure	6 00	3 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	21 00	7	50	57	..	1 47	....	45
McAdenville	.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	10 00	....	..	..	..	.....	....	....
Mt. Holly	C. H. Harris	2 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	15 00	8	66	74	..	8 73	....	60
Newton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	....	..	..	..	.....	....	....
Olivet	M. T. Sanders	5 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	37 00	9	60	69	40	12 00	12	40
Providence 1st	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	....	..	..	..	.....	....	....
Providence 2d	Henderson Hudson	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	1 50	9 00	9	52	61	..	.....	....	....
Penelope	J. H. Martin	2 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	12 00	5 00	32 00	5	54	51	30	5 00	12	35
Salem	W. T. McCoy	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	13 00	8	60	68	65	2 00	12	7
Sandy Plains	.....	5 00	5 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	26 00	....	..	..	..	.....	....	....
Thessalonica	.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	9 00	....	..	..	..	.....	....	....
Warlick's Chapel	.....	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	6 00	....	..	..	..	.....	....	....
	.....														
	Total	$79 50	$81 00	$90 00	$61 50	$93 50	$68 50	312 00	106	722	828	..	$95 91	....	507

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the church to which they belong; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sabbath schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by their respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty.

4. Its officers shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected annually by ballot; the Clerk shall be ex-officio treasurer.

5. There shall be an executive committee of five persons annually appointed by the Moderator, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.

6. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7. That any member of this Association attending any sister association, be considered a delegate to the same.

8. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October.

Rules of Order.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Association shall be: Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Temperance, Education, Periodicals, Sunday School, Associational Missions, Ministerial Students, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary. The hours of business shall be: Meet at 9:30 o'clock A M, adjourn at 12:30 o'clock P M; meet at 1:30 o'clock, adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

4. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

5. The presiding officer shall enforce, in accordance with "Mell's Preliminary Practice."

6. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the Minutes.

Resolved, That every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in their members the making, selling, or using as a beverage, intoxicating drinks, or holding office of store-keeper, or other office in the liquor department of the Internal Revenue service; and if, after being admonished by the church they refuse to obey, we believe the church will be justifiable in withdrawing fellowship from such members, as not hearing the church but walking in darkness.

Resolved, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

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DIRECTORY, 1890.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY	PASTOR.	POST-OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST-OFFICE.	TIME OF PREACHING.
Bruington	Gaston	J M Bridges	Shelby N C	J T Morris	Stanley's Creek, N C	1st Sun. & Sat. before.
Catawba	Catawba	J B Marsh	Catawba "	M J Cochrane	Catawba "	2d Sun. & Sat. before.
Hebron	Gaston	C E Gower	Lincolnton "	Jno L Grice	Mount'n Island, "	2d Sunday
Hickory	Catawba	H D Lequex	Morganton "	J P Jones	Hickory "	1st and 3d Sunday
Hickory Grove	Gaston	P R Elam	King's Mount'n, "	W W Rankin	Mount Holly "	4th Sun. & Sat. before.
Kid's Chapel	Lincoln	C M Murchison	Penelope "	W A Graham	Machpelah "	1st Sunday.
Lebanon	Catawba	W B McLure	Machpelah "	W C Wentz	Chronicle "	
Lincolnton	Lincoln	C E Gower	Lincolnton "	J McLean	Lincolnton "	3d and 4th Sundays.
Link's Chapel	Lincoln	W B McLure	Machpelah "	A C Lineberger	Iron Station "	1st Sunday
Macedonia	Lincoln	J A Hoyle	Iron Station "	J Mullen	Derr "	1st Sun & Sat before
Mount'n Grove	Catawba	J B Marsh	Catawba "	D A Whisnant	Hickory "	
Mt. Ruhama	Catawba	J A Hoyle	Iron Station "	L J Caldwell	Drumsville "	4th Sun and Sat before
Mt. Zion	Lincoln	J A Hoyle	Iron Station "	D F Abernethy	Stanley's Creek, "	3d Sun and Sat before
Mt. Holly	Gaston	C E Gower	Lincolnton "	J M Holobaugh	Mount Holly "	2d Sunday
McAdenville	Gaston	Mulinex	Grover "	J V Fisher	McAdenville "	
Newton	Catawba	J B Marsh	Catawba "	Charles Burris	Newton "	
Olivet	Catawba	J B Marsh	Catawba "	W W Bridges	Shawville "	1st Sun and Sat before
Providence 1st	Catawba					
Providence 2d	Catawba	D P Bridges	Catawba "	G W Hood	Plateau "	
Penelope	Burke	C M Murchison	Penelope "	P K Morgan	Penelope "	4th Sun and Sat before
Salem	Lincoln	C E Gower	Lincolnton "	A G Harrill	Lincolnton "	1st Sun and Sat before
Sandy Plains	Gaston	C F Felmet	King's Mount'n, "	L F Groves	Begonia "	2d Sun and Sat before
Thessalonica	Catawba	J A Hoyle	Iron Station "	W P Rhoney	Jacob's Fork "	2d Snn and Sat before
Warlick's Chapel	Burke					